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Fire blazes in Chester Hall

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

Over 200 displaced students waited outside Chester Hall Thursday while firefighters cleared out smoke after an overheated electrical cord caught fire.

Around 8 p.m. fire alarms went off and students evacuated the freshman residence hall to the 20 degree weather outside. The students were evacuated for nearly two hours before being allowed to return.

"We couldn't see anything in the middle of the hallway," said freshman Brian Willhide, who was in his room when the fire alarm went off.

Since Chester Hall does not have a sprinkler system, firefighters used sand-pipeline to put out the fire.

"The most important thing is that we get students warm," said Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, VP of student affairs.

The accidental fire, which was contained to room 4C5, caused nearly \$10,000 in damages, according to the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office. Another \$5,000 worth of damage was done to the contents of the room, which the occupants must now pay for.

According to eye witness reports of the room, little was recognizable. No other surrounding rooms were damaged in the fire.

"The damage was contained to the room and the hallway. We just need to replace some ceiling tiles," said Director of Housing & Residence

Life David Gutoskey

The fire marshal stated that the cord belonged to a portable fan which overheated. The cause was ruled as accidental and not arson.

Everyone was evacuated from the building and no injuries were reported.

Only the two girls who lived in room 4C5 needed another place to stay.

Neufeldt stated that this scene was very similar to the fire in St. Martin two years ago which was caused by candles but the damage was more easily contained in the Chester incident.

An e-mail released Friday from the vice president of student affairs office stated, "Our campus community demonstrated great teamwork. Staff members and students from Housing and Residence Life, Facilities Management and University Police worked quickly to ensure our students were safe and warm."



Sarah Wright photo

Salisbury firefighters assess the damage outside of Chester Hall Thursday night after an overheated electrical cord caught fire, causing over \$15,000 in damages and temporarily displacing over 200 students.

University Police arrest suspicious suspect in Fulton Hall bathroom case

By Sarah Janoske
Staff Writer

Salisbury students were shocked to hear about the incidents of a man following girls into the women's bathrooms in Fulton Hall. University Police made an arrest of the suspicious individual on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 1:20 a.m. after a long investigation with several police officers going undercover to remove this man from campus.

Walter Bernard Pratt III, a 20-year-old non-student, was apprehended on campus in the Guerrieri University Center and arrested. He is currently being held at the Wicomico County Detention Center under a \$50,000 bond. He has been charged with two counts of peeping tom and two counts of prurient intent, with more charges



photo courtesy of Wicomico Co. Detention Center
Suspect Walter Bernard Pratt III

pending, according to University Police Chief Edwin Lashley.

"His motive was to contact a female and engage in conversation with them. The majority of the time he would just engage in con-

versation with the female, but on two occasions he did enter a women's restroom," said Lieutenant Mike Nicolas of University Police.

With the first report of a suspicious individual being called in to University Police on Feb. 24 and more to follow that evening and the next day, Lashley began to realize that this was an immediate threat to the student body.

"When we heard of this pattern and we assessed the situation as a significant threat in our opinion, we increased the number of police patrols and we also invited the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office to assist us with extra man power on campus, and we did so in a covert capacity," Lashley said.

See Pratt Pg. 2

SSC gains RSO status, plans to target community crime

By Nick Lehwald
Staff Writer

This week, SU will begin taking its first step towards making the community and city a better place to live. This past Sunday, March 2, at the SGA forum, the Students for a Safer Community (SSC) became an official campus organization. This organization is dedicated to making the SU community a safer place to live.

The goal of the SSC is to make the SU community safer for students. This is a major concern, since the majority of students live off campus and there's a lot of crime against students in the city.

The group is going to attack the issue on two fronts: by raising awareness of crimes on campus and by teaching students ways to pre-

vent crime. For students living off campus, the group is going to work to bridge the gap between the university and city.

"There's been a bad relationship between the university and the rest of the city for a long time. The thing is that these issues between the university and city are distracting people from seeing that there's actually a problem. This is the second most dangerous city in Maryland after Baltimore. There's a big drug and gang problem. The Salisbury police department busts students all the time, makes them look bad and then people just ignore the fact that it's actually a dangerous city to live in," said SSC president Melissa Morrissey.

Every student in Salisbury has

See SSC Pg. 2

Local experts lead discussion on eating disorders

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, a small crowd gathered in the Nanticoke Room of the Guerrieri University Center to participate in a talk about eating disorders. The panel of experts included SU Dietician Kate Cerulli, local dietician Melinda Brett and Barbara Israel, a woman who has been recovering from an eating disorder for the past 30 years.

The evening began with Dr. Cerulli's presentation on healthy eating. Much of her advice placed an emphasis on choosing the right foods and being savvy with your portion sizes. Advice such as always eating breakfast and eating a variety of fruits and vegetables

are things we've been told before, but Dr. Cerulli also added that the human body generally gets hungry every four hours, so it is important to give it some sustenance.

"It's wonderful there are programs students can take advantage of," Cerulli said. She hopes that this talk "makes students aware of the campus resources such as Student Counseling, Student Health and Dining Services."

After the talk on healthy eating, guest speaker Barbara Israel stood to tell her story. Israel has been in recovery from both anorexia and bulimia for over 30 years and came out to tell the SU community about her path to healing.

"My desire is to give encouragement to anyone who is suffering from body image issues and eating

disorders," she began. She related her story about how at the age of 14 she began developing the symptoms of the disorder. A troubled childhood contributed to her feelings of depression, which led to her perceiving that "if I could just lose weight, I would be popular and people would love me."

Thus began the downward spiral, first from anorexia, then bingeing and purging. During the 1970s, there were no outlets for young women like Israel, who did not even know that what she was doing was called "binging" until the 1990s.

Her road to recovery began when she decided that she could no longer live the way she was living.

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Sarah Wright photo

Kate Cerulli gives a presentation on healthy eating at Wednesday night's discussion, which tied into Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

TUESDAY 3/4/08	WEDNESDAY 3/5/08	THURSDAY 3/6/08	FRIDAY 3/7/08	SATURDAY 3/8/08	SUNDAY 3/9/08	MONDAY 3/10/08
HIGH 63	HIGH 57	HIGH 52	HIGH 48	HIGH 45	HIGH 50	HIGH 50
CLOUDY/ WINDY	FEW SHOWERS	MOSTLY SUNNY	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	SUNNY	PARTLY CLOUDY
LOW 51	LOW 38	LOW 37	LOW 33	LOW 32	LOW 36	LOW 41

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News briefs

Foreign Language Film Festival

SU celebrates National Foreign Language Week March 3-8 with a series of popular international films Monday-Thursday. All movies are subtitled in English.

Tuesday, March 4, 8 p.m., Fulton Hall Room 111, *Al Otro Lado* (To the Other Side) (Spanish, 2002) - This film tells the story of Cuban refugees who risk their lives to reach the United States.

Wednesday, March 5, 7 p.m., Henson Hall Room 243, *Talka* (Together), (Swedish, 2000) - This comedy, set in the 1970s, revolves around changing attitudes about political power, race, gender equality and sexuality.

Wednesday, March 5, 8 p.m., Scarborough Leadership Center, *Mostly Martha*, (German, 2001) - This film tells the story of Martha, the head chef at a chic restaurant, whose life is disrupted when her 8-year-old niece comes to live with her.

Thursday, March 6, 8 p.m., Fulton Hall Room 111, *Al Otro Lado* (To the Other Side) (Spanish, 2005) - Told using Mexico's 200-year tradition of corrido music, this film follows an aspiring composer who seemingly has only two choices to lead a comfortable life: traffic drugs or illegally cross the border into the United States.

Sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies, the screenings are free and the public is invited.

Celebrate Women's History Month

Movies, lectures and live performances highlight Salisbury University's Women's History Month celebration March 3-30.

The series begins at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 3, in Holloway Hall Auditorium, with the lecture "A Boy, a Girl, a Virus and the Relationship That Happened Anyway," presented by married couple Shawn Decker and Gwen Bartering. An AIDS activist, Decker acquired HIV when he was 7. He and Bartering discuss their relationship, as well as Decker's life growing up with the virus.

Events continue 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, in the Gull's Nest with the open musical performance Faculty, Folks and Friends.

The President's Office sponsors a Women's History Month reception 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the lobby of Holloway Hall. An International Women's Dinner follows from 5-7 p.m. in the Commons. Cost of the dinner is \$9.68, \$5.95 for children 6-12, free for children 5 and under.

Pratt

"We had four officers each night in plain clothes surveying the campus," Lieutenant Nicolas said.

It was determined that Pratt was using the phone lines on campus to make calls to South Carolina.

"Once we learned this, Lieutenant Nicolas spearheaded an investigation to find out more information on the individual. We made phone calls to South Carolina and got information on him. At that time we knew we were dealing with a person we had to remove quickly from the environment here," Lashley said.

Senior Jenn Rochan, the building manager in the GUC on the evening of the arrest, said, "Someone said he was making long distance phone calls from the Spirituality Center after we were closed. It's scary he could have been in there after we were closed. He was wearing all black when they arrested him. He could have easily hid from us when we were closing up the building."

The immediate threat has been



Sarah Wright photo

Pratt followed two females into the restrooms in Fulton Hall. Female students stopped using the facility's bathrooms.

SU student pleads guilty to child sexual abuse charges

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

A Salisbury University student accused of having sex with a 14-year-old pleaded guilty last week to third-degree sex offense.

Back in Oct., Jenna Ashley Hermann, 23, was a student intern at Pittsville Elementary and Middle School when she began a two-month sexual relationship with one of her students, a young man of 14.

As part of the plea deal, Wicomico County Circuit Court Judge Donald C. Lewis dropped four other counts of third-degree sex offense, as reported by *The Daily Times*. The woman was sentenced to five years in prison with four of those years suspended. She will serve one year in the Wicomico County Detention Center.

In addition to Hermann's sentence, she must undergo mental health evaluations, drug and alcohol treatment and is prohibited from any contact with the victim or any unsupervised male minor.

Despite the initial shock that arises from an event such as this, additional surprise came from the fact that Jenna Ashley Hermann was so admired by those who she came in contact with. "Many faculty and students thought highly of her," said VP of Student Affairs Dr. Ellen Neufeldt.

Even her students at Pittsville admired her. "She was really nice and she was a cool intern but I didn't expect anything like that from her," said eighth grader Melissa Kissingen in an interview with WBOC Delmarva.

Wicomico County State's Attorney Davis Ruark said that during the two-year period, the sexual abuse took

place at Hermann's Salisbury apartment as well as at the student's home in Parsonsburg.

He said the first of the three witnesses told police the 14-year-old victim sent pictures of Hermann and the teen having sex. He also received letters from Hermann inviting him to have sex with her. The final witness claimed that Hermann offered him sex as well, to which he replied "yes," however he was unable to due so because his sister was home, according to WBOC.

The Wicomico County Child Advocacy Center charged Hermann after their investigation revealed her inappropriate relationship, and she was suspended from Pittsville Elementary and Middle School.

In smaller cities like Pittsville and Salisbury, big news such as this becomes even bigger, especially for those affected by the bizarre events. During times such as this, those involved have the opportunity to rise above and resolve the issue at hand, or recess and allow the events to take control of their outcome.

Salisbury University faced this exact issue when news of Hermann's foul play reached the public.

"When we learned it happened, I knew it would cause great attention. I had an obligation and a responsibility to share the news to the extent that I was allowed, due to the direct effect it had on the university and community," Neufeldt said.

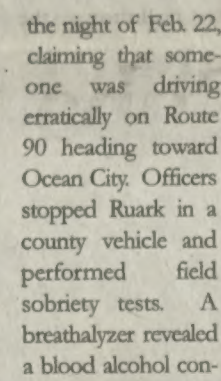
SU has suffered no backlash or poor relations with Pittsville or any other of the local schools that have student intern programs with the University. Much of that can be accredited to the Seidel School and their work to maintain a high level of trust, said

Wicomico County State's Attorney charged with DUI

By Michelle Hinde
Staff Writer

Wicomico County State's Attorney Davis Ruark found himself on the wrong side of the law when he was arrested for driving under the influence. According to *The Daily Times*, Ruark was pulled over in Ocean City after police observed him speeding and crossing the center line.

"This, by far, is the saddest day of my professional career," Ruark said. "I made a tremendous error in judgment." Police officers responded to a 911 call



Internet photo
State's Attorney Davis Ruark

Eating disorder

Without the aid of a therapist or treatment program, Israel began to focus on the root of the problem. Today, she is the founder of "Hungry Hearts," a support group for women recovering from eating disorders.

Melinda Brett took the stage next and described the warning signs of the disorder. "The earliest signs usually revolve around food," Brett said, who has been treating eating disorder patients for a number of years. She affirms that a significant weight loss is only part of the problem. The patient will also have dramatic changes in their relationships to food.

"It's a disease of isolation," she said during her part of the lecture. "It's the girl who believes that if she changes her body, her life will change."

Brett also brought to light that eating disorders are rising among men too. Also, she added that though a



Internet photo



Sarah Wright photo

SSC

their own horror story to tell; be it a home burglary, getting mugged on the street or the recent incident of a girl being stalked late at night in an academic building.

"The reason why I started this club is to get people's attention. Since I've been here, I have had friends who were jumped. I've heard all kinds of horror stories from people I know," Morrissey said. "The reactions that I've gotten from people is that they are shocked that something like this doesn't already exist, and good luck, because it's already pretty bad around here."

What the SSC wants to do is bring attention to the real dangers of the city, and make people aware of the situation. They believe that if people can come together, it would be possible to put pressure on the local police to be more focused on the real crime and to solve the city's more urgent, dangerous problems. However, the on-campus attitude

towards the police is not welcoming. Many students feel that the police aren't here to protect them, but only to bust parties and write citations.

The Students for a Safer Community organization will host its first meeting this Wednesday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in Henson Hall, room 211. They will be holding a forum this April, where any student, staff or faculty member can come to voice their concerns about safety on campus and in the community.



photo provided by Melissa Morrissey
SSC president Melissa Morrissey

QUICKIE

By Sara Sutton
Staff Writer

Summer and Smoke, a play written by the great Tennessee Williams, is currently performing in the Black Box Theater at Salisbury University. The play relates the romantic drama of an unmarried preacher's daughter, Alma Winemiller, played by Senior Stephanie Dargan, infatuated with a childhood crush. However the object of this affection, her neighbor and young doctor John Buchanan Jr., played by Salisbury student Griffin Jones, is wild and in rebellion against Victorian society and morals. The play will be showing at Salisbury's Black Box Theater located in Fulton Hall March 6-9, curtain is 8 p.m. for Thursday, Friday and Saturday Shows and 2 p.m. on Sundays. The play is free for SU Students and is \$12 for the general public. For more information contact the Box Office at 410-543-6228.

Crime beat

2/24/08

8:04 - 8:30 p.m.

CDS Complaint

University Police received an anonymous tip that Controlled Dangerous Substances were being distributed and smoked in a residence hall. Case is being investigated by University Police.

2/24/08

11:15 - 11:54 p.m.

Suspicious Person

A student reported a suspicious person approached her while she was studying in an academic building and attempted to engage in conversation. When the student fled the area the subject followed her into the restroom. An employee reported the same experience of being followed into the women's restroom to the University Police. A search of the area for the subject was unsuccessful. The suspect in this case was identified by a student and arrested by University Police.

2/27/08

4:00 - 10:17 p.m.

MDOP-Theft from MV

University Police responded to the Chesapeake parking lot "A" in reference to an MDOP/Theft from Motor Vehicle complaint. Victim reported someone broke out her driver's side window and stole a car stereo from her vehicle.

2/28/08

8:00 p.m.-11:50 p.m.

Accidental Fire

University Police and the Salisbury Fire Dept. responded to a fire in Chester Hall. State Fire Marshal stated the fire was accidental. Electrical wiring for appliances had overheated and ignited a bean bag chair. No injuries were reported.

2/28/08

10:00 p.m.-11:53 p.m.

Theft

A student reported an unattended set of car keys, clothing and a basketball were stolen from Maggs gym.



Internet photo

After pleading guilty, former SU student Jenna Ashley Hermann, 23, was sentenced to five years in prison with four years suspended.

Neufeldt.

"It seems the strong and historical reputation of student interns and professors has helped keep it so this event has not tainted such as prestigious program. The Seidel School can't be praised enough," Neufeldt said.

It's easy to see one bad example ruin an entire program, idea, group or way of doing things, but Neufeldt ensures that is not the case here. "This is how we teach our students. We have been very transparent about what we do," she said. "But it has given us a chance to step back and look at what we're doing."

The reality of Hermann's actions not only leaves an effect on the school's administration, but its entire student body. When hearing of the news, students usually act with disgust, shock or a crude joke.

"I wish I had after-school activities like that when I was in eighth grade," said one student who wished to remain anonymous.

Others responded more seriously. "It's just sad to see how she violated the trust between students and teachers," said junior nursing major Jeb Gibson.

With television programs like *To Catch a Predator* becoming ever more popular, it's easy to forget the reality of child sex abuse. However, the truth behind situations like Hermann's is a hard reality to face if anyone is careless enough to challenge it.

"She was in a position of authority and a position to supervise kids," Ruark told *The Daily Times*. "This is meant to serve as a reminder that situations like this will be dealt with seriously."

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Nader announces bid for Presidency

By Matthew J. Harhai
Staff Writer

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is making another run for the presidency. This is the independent's fifth bid for office.

The far-leaning liberal believes the two-party system of Democrats and Republicans that dominates American government is unhealthy, especially with corporate America's influence in many areas of the government.

Nader claims most Americans have become disenfranchised with both the Democratic and Republican parties. He contests the presidential contenders from both parties are not interested in enacting corporate crime and preventing military blunders such as the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and promoting labor rights.

Democratic candidates Obama and Clinton believe that Nader takes away liberal votes from less extreme Democrats.

Potential Nader supporters, usually liberals, have grumbled about Nader's past attempts for the White House.

Since he announced his nomination many left-wing news sources have started criticizing his run.

According to *New Jersey's Star-Ledger*, "(He) remains as obstinate, prickly and egotistical as ever." *The Louisville Courier-Journal* led with the headline, "Nader: Unsafe at Any Age."

In 2000, he was blamed by many for taking votes away from the relatively moderate democratic candidate Al Gore. He is believed by some to have caused Gore to lose to Bush in Florida, where Gore would have otherwise won.

Nader said he should be president because he gets things done. Nader said of his 40-year career, he

has saved millions of lives, brought stricter food and water regulations and corporate vigilance.

Nader won 2.74 percent of votes in 2000, third to Bush and Gore. In Florida Bush beat Gore by 537 votes.

Bush won the presidency after a supreme court ruling of 5-4 went in favor of Bush over the confusing Florida election. The Florida election is open to debate with many confusing discrepancies such as unclear punched ballot tickets becoming a source of humor within America, known as dimples and chads.

In 2004 Nader only won 0.3 percent of the vote for presidency, and was listed in a mere 34 states.

Nader, now 74, told CNN, "When you lose your government, you've got to go into the electoral arena."

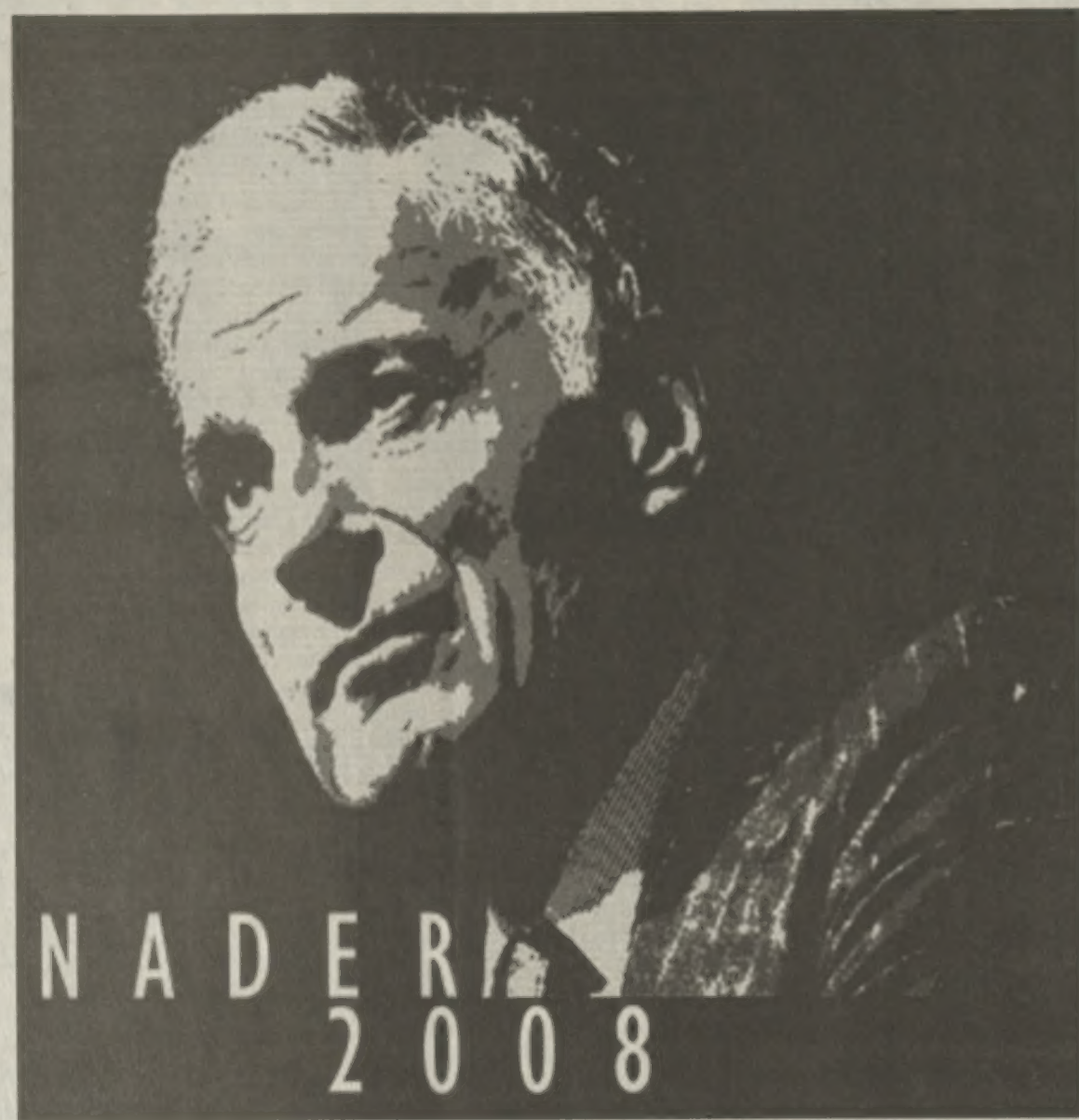
"A Jeffersonian revolution is needed in this country," Nader said to CNN. Nader sees corporatism in America as a huge part of the problems with the country, and its intimate involvement in American government today as an infringement on the government's responsibility to represent the people of the United States.

He believes corporate America's involvement in politics is rampant within both the Democratic and Republican parties, and aside from the legislative branch, that it is also evident in the executive and judicial branches.

Nader's history of advocacy stands as a testament to his ethics and passion to work for the common good.

Nader graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts from Princeton University in 1955. He completed Harvard Law School in 1958.

Nader joined the army, serving



Internet photo

for six months, finishing in 1959. After trips through Europe, Latin America and Africa, Nader began practicing law in Hartford, Connecticut, where he wrote *The Safe Car You Can't Buy*, thus beginning his life-long struggle to bring justice to the corporate sector of America, and eventually becoming the unofficial spokesperson for consumers in America.

In 1965 Nader's book *Unsafe at Any Speed* boosted him into the public eye where he criticized the American auto industry for its lack of safe vehicles and the industry safety policies.

Nader has led advocacy campaigns, many consumer oriented, against the Federal Trade Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, pollution, the

Interstate Commerce Commission, nursing homes, nuclear power and weapons.

In the 1970s and 1980s Nader became an advocate against the use of nuclear power. Nader believes in the elimination of nuclear power entirely and the implementation of solar power and other green initiatives.

Raul Castro: The new force of Cuba



Internet photo

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

Raul Castro, former Defense Minister of Cuba, has been named the new President of Cuba. Raul Castro was the interim president for 18 months while his older brother, former dictator Fidel Castro, was seeking treatment for internal bleeding.

Other Communist nations such as North Korea and China have offered their congratulations to the new leader. The United States made a statement that relations with Cuba will not change, the sanctions will not be lifted and talks with the new leader have been rejected.

"I'm not suggesting there's never a time to talk, but I'm suggesting now is not the time not to talk with Raul Castro. He's nothing more than the extension of what his brother did, which was to ruin an island and imprison people because of their beliefs," President Bush said during a White House press conference in

February. Bush said he supports the Cuban people, but will not support their government until it changes and allows more freedom. The stories from the people are heartbreaking, he said. Bush said talking to Castro would be sending the wrong message.

"It is not surprising [that the current administration will not speak to Raul Castro], considering both the long-standing tensions between Cuba and the United States and Bush's approach to foreign policy in general. Of course, the US has taken a much friendlier stance vis-à-vis the Communist governments in Vietnam and China," said Latin America history professor Emily Story in an e-mail interview.

"I think that President Bush's refusal to meet with Raul Castro is ridiculous. A new leader in Cuba gives some kind of hope for reform and change, no matter who that new leader is. I think that President Bush meeting him early on could have been an advantage," said Spanish major Colbi Custis in an e-mail

interview. Castro's first state reception did not occur with a Latin American leader like Hugo Chavez or anyone from China. Castro met with the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone.

Bertone stated he wanted to decrease the tension between the church and the Cuban state. Cuban officials extended an invitation for Pope Benedict to visit the island. The Vatican Secretary of State said he would like more openness in the Cuban media.

"Authorities have promised me more openness in the print press and the radio—and in some exceptional cases, in television as well," Bertone said during an interview with the news agency of the Italian Bishops Conference, SIR.

Opening the media is not the only change Raul Castro has been said to make. There is optimism that the new president will reform parts of the Cuban government.

One of the prominent changes is a

signature on two United Nations human rights pacts. Former President Fidel Castro refused to sign the documents for decades. The Cuban Foreign Minister, Felipe Perez Roque, said pressure was not a deciding factor on whether or not to sign.

Raul Castro seems more practical than his older brother. He has stated that an average salary of \$19 a month was not enough for his people to live on. He has proposed the ideas of revaluing the Peso and improving public transportation.

Yet, many Cubans and other people around the world feel that the new leader will continue down his brother's path. They believe that Fidel Castro will still call the shots behind the scenes.

"I know that [Raul] has been with his brother for a long time and most likely supported his brother in his endeavors. Yet I have a sense of optimism that he can reform Cuba and make changes, at least in an economic sense. It is said that Raul is the more practical of the two, which indicates that he may be more accepting of change," Custis said.

The fact that Fidel Castro has stepped down does not mean he will not play a role, Custis said. She said that she believes there is a lot of uncertainty based on all of the factors. Story said it is unlikely Raul Castro will bring about significant change.

A new leader in Cuba is a symbolic event. It commences a new era. There will be a new U.S. administration in Jan.

Is it possible for the two countries to reconcile? "I believe that we can heal both our wounds. I think that newer generations will be responsible for this," Custis said.

"The two countries share a close yet deeply fraught history. For more than 50 years before the revolution, the United States was basically a neocolonial power in Cuba; the shadow of that past looms large," Story said.

Whether or not the two nations pursue efforts to reach a common ground, a change has been made. Only time will tell if the change will bring harmful or positive results.

PUZZLES

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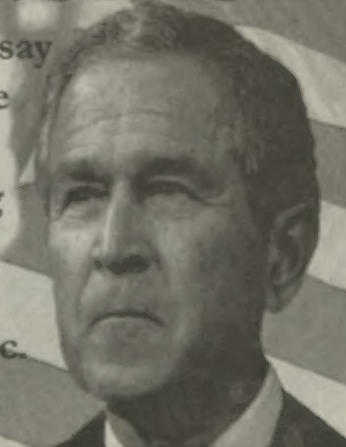
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"I welcome you all to say a few comments to the TV, if you care to do so."—Inviting visiting Irish dignitaries to address the media, Washington, D.C., Dec. 7, 2007



HISTORY CORNER

MARCH 4

1861. First national flag of the Confederate States of America (the "Stars and Bars") adopted.

MARCH 5

1868. A court of impeachment is organized in the United States Senate to hear charges against President Andrew Johnson.

MARCH 6

1869. Dmitri Mendeleev presents the first periodic table to the Russian Chemical Society.

MARCH 7

1876. Alexander Graham Bell is granted a patent for an invention he calls the telephone.

MARCH 8

1884. Susan B. Anthony addresses the U.S. House Judiciary Committee arguing for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote.

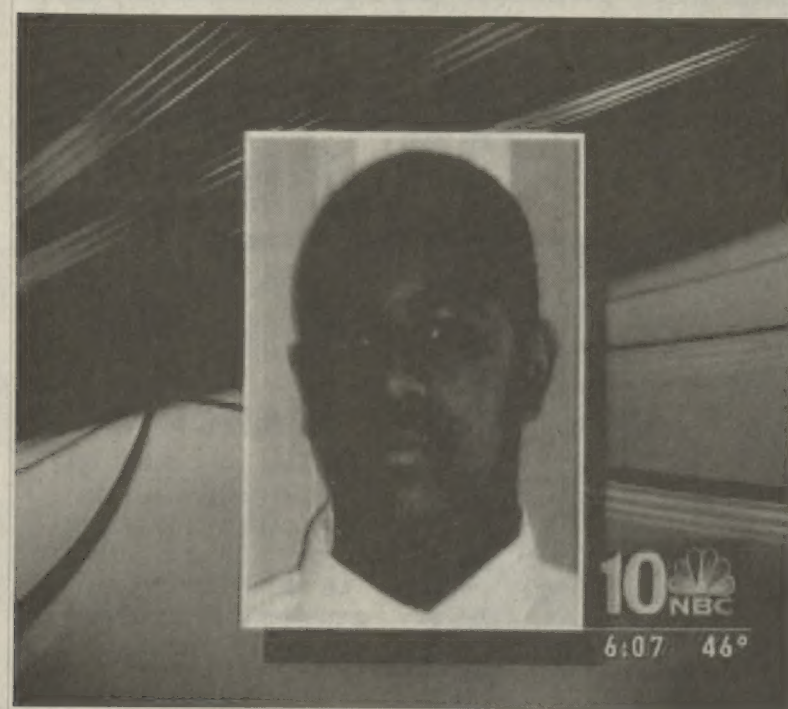
MARCH 9

1959. The Barbie doll debuts.

MARCH 10

1880. Members of the Salvation Army land in the United States and begin operations.

Innocent snowball fight leads to fatal shooting of 15-year-old boy



NBC News photo

By Steven Reddick
Staff Writer

Last Sunday, Feb. 24, Taven Rutledge was celebrating his fifteenth birthday outside in the snowy Philadelphia landscape with his friends. The group was frolicking about, throwing snowballs. A passing pedestrian was pelted with one of the packed projectiles, who then proceeded to parley the pack with a pistol. After engaging in a heated verbal confrontation, the pedestrian wielded his firearm and shot and killed Rutledge.

Rutledge's family and friends were devastated by the killing, especially the group of friends who witnessed the event unfold. One of Rutledge's friend's mother, Tara, was inside her house when Rutledge came inside after he had hit the pedestrian with a snowball. After becoming aware of the situation, Tara insisted that Rutledge stay inside. "I wanted him to calm down because I didn't want him to come back outside," Tara said. "I turned my back and went to the kitchen, came back outside and he was sitting on the step. As I was opening the door he was shot and

then fell."

Witnesses say that immediately after the dispute, the gunman raised a pistol to Rutledge's head and shot him at point blank range.

Tara held Rutledge as he lay on the Feltonville doorstep and attempted to use a towel to stop the bleeding. Rutledge was pronounced dead, however, at the hospital on Monday morning.

As unfair and atrocious as this killing was, Rutledge's murder just adds another drop in the bucket of needless violent crimes in the area. The residents of Feltonville, as well as many other Philadelphia areas, are constantly surrounded by gangs, drugs and poverty, all factors which, unfortunately, equate to a dangerous environment, especially for the youth. The citizens of the area are outraged over Rutledge's death/murder. Many members of the community hope that Rutledge will act as a martyr and wake the neighborhood up to see the need for peace.

A candlelight vigil was held on the Monday after his murder on the doorstep that Rutledge was shot on. A TV news crew was there to document the event and to receive state-

ments. There was a significant number of people in attendance, among whom were Rutledge's parents. Rutledge's father issued a public statement telling the press that he and his wife were devastated. He challenged the gunman to "look what [he has] done to [his wife]" and to "turn [himself] in." Friends and relatives adorned the doorstep with candles and homemade posters to commemorate Rutledge and to mourn his death.

The death of Rutledge was a somber deduction from the Feltonville community. Rutledge's friends described him as someone who could "get along with everyone." His parents lamented that Rutledge had recently gotten through a rocky part of his life and was improving his attitude and his grades. The parents were happy to see "the responsible man he was becoming."

The shooter has not been identified as of yet. No one in the community has been able to generate a name of an accurate description of the murderer. The SWAT team responded on Feb. 25 to a house close to the site of the shooting where witnesses suspected the gunman may have been hiding, but found no one. The resident of the suspected house has not been seen nor heard from since the shooting.

Detectives have been on the beat, hounding the Feltonville area since the shooting. Many witnesses and residents close to the murder were questioned and the crime scene examined and scrutinized, but so far nothing has turned up. According to the police, the detectives "have a pretty good idea about who did it, but are not ready to call him a suspect."

Residents are fed up with the violent crimes that plague the Feltonville area, especially killings caused by frivolous things like snowballs. Renay Reaves, Rutledge's aunt, said "The violence has to stop. It's crazy. Philadelphia is now 'Killadelphia' and [the gunman] just took the life of one of ours."

Bush: Recession is not imminent

By Matthew Rains
Pulse Editor

President Bush told reporters last Thursday at a White House press conference that despite slowed economic growth, the U.S. is not headed for a recession.

The President's outlook on the economy was decidedly more optimistic than many economic analysts who say the nation is headed for a recession if we are not there already. "There's no question the economy has slowed down," Bush said. "That's why we acted, and acted strongly, with over \$150 billion worth of pro-growth economic incentives."

Although the President expressed concern for a sluggish GDP, he was skeptical of the need for a second pro-growth package that would supplement the 2008 stimulus package that was signed into law three weeks ago.

"We acted robustly," Bush told reporters. "And now it's time to see whether or not this pro-growth package will actually work."

The tough questions on the state of a sagging economy came as the result of growing fear among Republicans that hard times and high oil prices—now a record \$103 a barrel—would hinder a John McCain presidential campaign as it did for George Bush Sr. in 1992, resulting in his defeat.

Despite his generally positive viewpoint on the impact of these stimulus checks and the economic

problems facing Americans, Bush offered relatively little hope to those in dire straits, sighting permanent tax cuts as the only real solution that would bring relief to working class citizens in the short-run.

"There's a lot of uncertainty," Bush told reporters. "You just said the price of gasoline may be up to \$4 a gallon—or some expert told you that—and that creates a lot of uncertainty. And when you couple that with the idea that taxes may be going up in a couple of years, that's double uncertainty. And therefore the only way to deal with uncertainty is for Congress to make tax cuts permanent."

Although the President himself seemed at times uncertain, he assured Americans that reducing dependency on foreign oil in conjunction with investments in new technology would ultimately ease the nation through this difficult period.

"We're in a period of transition here in America, from a time when we were—where we are oil and gas dependent, to a time where we got electric automobiles," Bush said. "That's where we're headed for...otherwise we're going to be dealing with \$4 gasoline."

The President also stressed the importance of an American victory over al Qaeda in Iraq.

"It seems that no matter what happens in Iraq, opponents to the war have one answer: Retreat," said the President.

Bush explained that since the

beginning of the Coalition surge earlier this year, high-profile terrorist attacks are down, civilian deaths are down and American troop casualties are down. The President accused proponents of the war of ignoring this progress that has been made in the last 12 months.

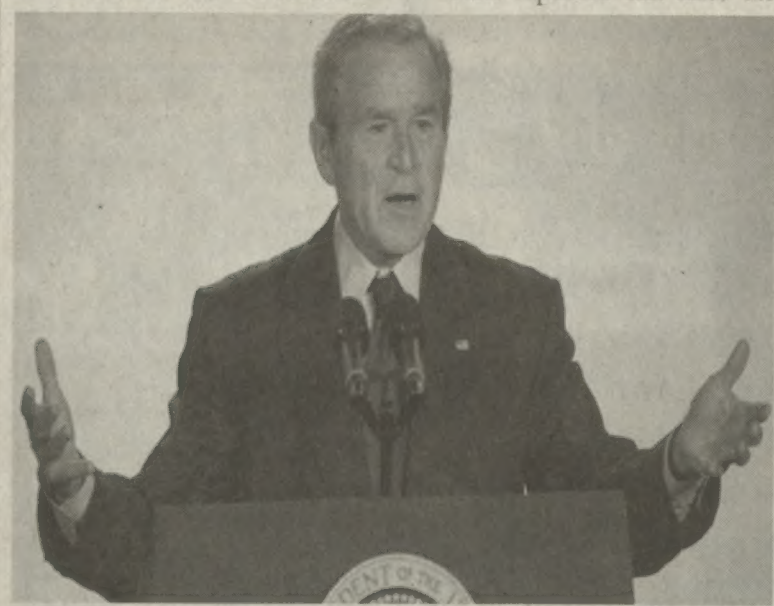
"It's interesting that many of the same people who once accused me of refusing to acknowledge setbacks in Iraq are the same ones refusing to acknowledge progress in Iraq," he said. "Unfortunately, this week the Senate debated yet another bill that threatens to cut off funding and tie the hands of our commanders in Iraq."

The President also addressed the growing concerns over NAFTA, specifically those raised by Democratic candidates Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. Both Clinton and Obama have publicly stated that reforms need to be made to NAFTA for the U.S. to continue to benefit from the agreement.

"I firmly believe that free trade is essential to the formation of high-paying jobs," the President said Thursday. "In other words, people who work for industries that export goods to overseas are likely to be paid more than their—other workers."

Critics contend that the NAFTA agreement has and will continue to cost hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs, as U.S. businesses shift production from the United States to low-wage Mexico. Bush criticized both campaigns of trying to boost their image among Texas and Ohio state primary and caucus voters—two states adversely affected by the agreement—with threats of a NAFTA pull out.

"There's roughly like \$380 billion dollars worth of goods that we shift to our NAFTA partners on an annual basis," Bush said. "The idea of just unilaterally withdrawing from a trade treaty because of trying to score political points is not good policy. It's not good policy on the merits and its not good policy as a message to send to our people who have, in good faith, signed a treaty and worked with us on a treaty."



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McCain faces *The Times'* allegations of sexual misconduct with female lobbyist

By Doug Allers
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, *The New York Times* reported in its online edition that Sen. John McCain had a romantic relationship with a lobbyist in 1999 - 2000.

It was reported that top aides in McCain's 2000 presidential campaign were concerned about his relationship with a lobbyist and confronted him about it numerous times. "The paper's assertions were part of a larger article on McCain's relationships with and stances toward lobbyists and special interests," CNN said.

According to *The New York Times*, "a female lobbyist had been turning up with him at fund-raisers, visiting his offices and accompanying him on a client's corporate jet. Convinced the relationship had become romantic, some of his top advisors intervened to protect the candidate from himself—instructing staff members to block the woman's access, privately warning her away and repeatedly confronting him."

The names of the aides were not released, as they requested anonymity in exchange for the information.

Both McCain and the lobbyist, Vicki Iseman, adamantly denied any kind of romantic involvement. McCain's wife, Cindy stood by her husband, saying, "My children and I not only trust my husband, but know that he would never do anything to not only disappoint our family, but disappoint the people of America."

McCain, who voiced disappointment in the article, said "At no time have I ever done anything that would betray the public trust or make a decision which in any way would not be in the public interest or would favor anyone or organiza-

tion." He also said that he had "no knowledge that a top aide had asked Ms. Iseman to keep her distance from the senator and his campaign."

McCain's presidential campaign issued the following statement on Wednesday, shortly after the online article was published:

"It is a shame that *The New York Times* has lowered its standards to engage in a hit-and-run smear campaign. John McCain has a 24-year record of serving our country with honor and integrity. He has never violated the public trust, never done favors for special interests of lobbyists, and he will not allow a smear campaign to distract from the issues at stake in this election. Americans are sick and tired of this kind of gutter politics, and there is nothing in this story to suggest that John McCain has ever violated the principles that have guided his career."

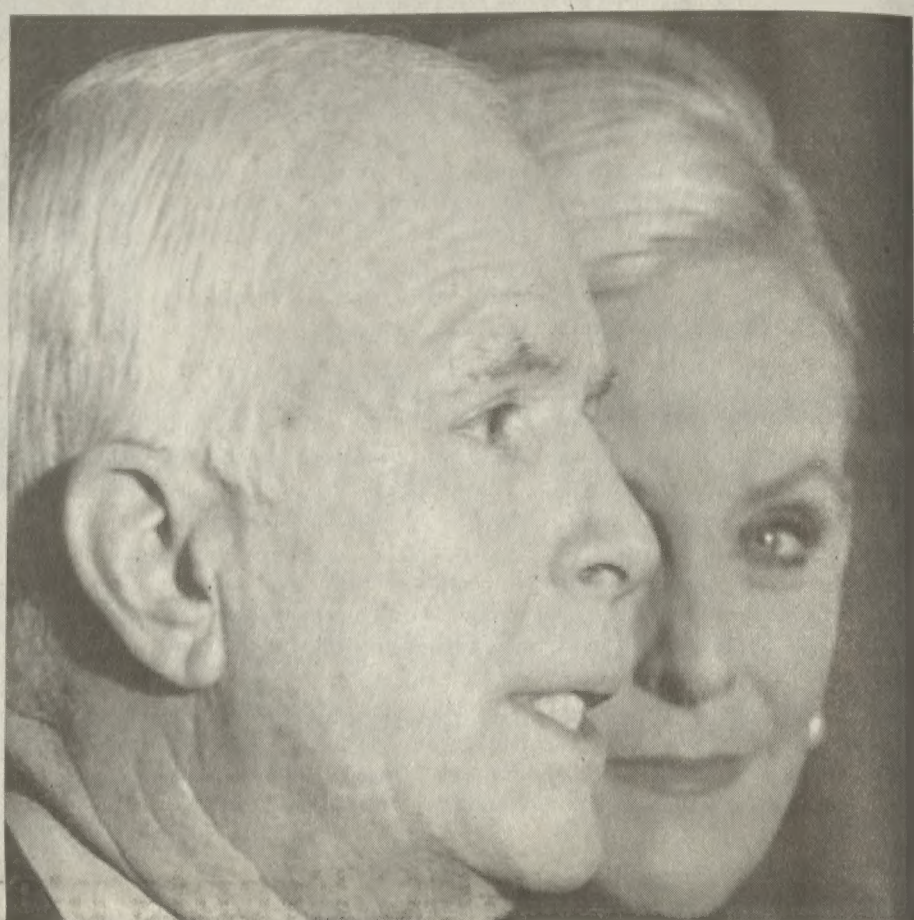
CNN reports that *The New York Times* issued a statement the following day, Thursday, Feb. 21, saying it stood by its story 100 percent, and that it "speaks for itself."

"We publish stories when they are

ready," executive editor Bill Keller said in a statement. "Ready" means the facts have been nailed down to our satisfaction, the subjects have all been given a full and fair chance to respond and the reporting has been written with all the proper context and caveats."

This is not the first scandal to arise for McCain. In 1989, he was accused of corruption in the Keating Five scandal which nearly ended his political career. In the scandal, McCain, along with Alan Cranston, Dennis DeConcini, John Glenn and Donald W. Riegle, was accused of aiding Charles H. Keating, Jr., who was under an investigation by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and later convicted of securities fraud.

Summing up the situation in its entirety, McCain said, "I intend to move on." If he will be able to move on from this controversy will ultimately have to be decided by the people. It will have to be seen in the upcoming weeks whether or not this is a situation that will continue to escalate.



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EDITORIAL

Overheard: March is women's history month. Who's your favorite woman?

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



"My mom."
Jennifer Bagdasian - sophomore



"Condoleeza Rice."
Kyle McMonigle - junior



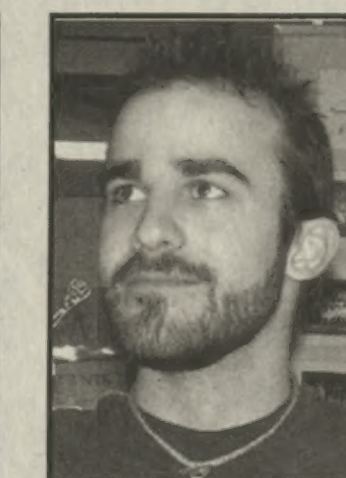
"Elizabeth I. She has a whole age named after her."
Kelsey Wesenberg - sophomore



"Susan B. Anthony"
Leane Clotter - freshman



"Jessica Alba."
Rick Wolf - freshman



"Your mom."
Gene Groshon - junior

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
As a Muslim, I think it is very important for everyone to learn more about Islam—especially since it is so misunderstood. On that note, I feel that I need to give you some feedback on the article. While it is true that out of respect to the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, Muslims do not depict his image, this also goes for all important figures in religious history, whether it be Moses or Jesus or the Virgin Mary, peace be upon them all (all of whom Muslims also view as sacred). Nonetheless, if I were to type in "Prophet Muhammad" on a Google search, not only would his picture appear several times, but also many disrespectful cartoons. The reality is a lot of people out of igno-

rance or insensitivity simply do not care about whether or not they depict his image.

I have to say, however, that I feel the article was very sensationalized and did not represent the majority of Muslims, who would not want to call a "jihad" on Wikipedia. I looked at the Web site myself and found one picture that I would like removed which is the one with Prophet Muhammad's face showing, but compared to some of the other issues Muslims are facing I would not lose sleep over it. I feel that there are many other more important issues to discuss when it comes to Islam. For example you could talk about the ban on religious garb—namely the *hijab* (headcovering for Muslim women) in France, Turkey

and other secular nations. Women are not able to attend school or work while meeting their religious requirements. There are much larger issues Muslims are concerned about.

Also, your image of Muhammad's name in Arabic was insensitive because the paper it was written on will be thrown away or soiled.

We still face a number of problems when it comes to Islam, and that is why the Muslim Student Association is hosting its 4th annual Islam Awareness Week March 31 - April 4. I hope that you and your readers will make time to attend. There is much work to be done.

Thank you,
Anisa Gharbi
MSA President

GUC Events plans spring activities

By Brian Lind
Day Manager
Guerrini University Center

Ping Pong has always been a popular activity in the Guerrini University Center. At any point in the day you can walk by the gaming area and hear the repetitive bouncing of the ball against paddle and table. Following up on the excitement and buzz of the first Ping Pong Tournament of the semester hosted by GUC Events, we began a Ping Pong League. The demand was overwhelming and the amount of participants surpassed our original plan of only having 16 students entered in the league. How does it work? Participants will play a series of games over the next five weeks and their records will qualify them for a Playoff Tournament after Spring



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Break. While the League is full for this semester, we still encourage students to come out on Tuesday nights from 7 - 9 p.m. and watch and cheer on their friends or meet other people who are into Ping Pong. The winner of the Spring Playoff Tournament after Spring

Break will not only receive a big trophy, they will also hold the title of GUC Ping Pong Champion!

Following the Ping Pong League we will also be having a Billiards League later in the semester. If students are interested, look for e-mails and information in eSU News Bulletins and the Campus Bulletin - Digest. Start practicing now so you can show what you've got. As always GUC Events has other fun activities planned for this semester like a cake decorating class and a cake decorating contest where students can enter individually or as a team to design an edible creation. Check out the Web site at www.salisbury.edu/guc/events to find out more information and to see a full schedule of events for the spring semester.

John McCain's battle with *The Times*

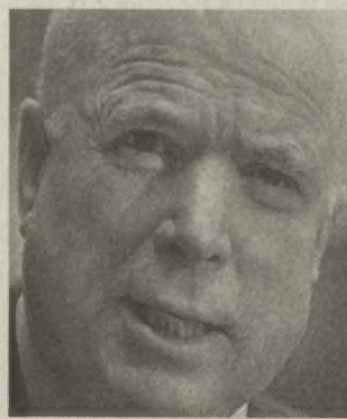
By Rich Devine
Staff Writer

As the 2008 presidential election nears, don't be surprised by the attacks on the presumptive candidate's character that we'll see. Also don't be surprised that much of the attacking that we'll see from the media at large will be on the Republican party's candidate. This presidential election year, the nominee for the GOP appears to be Senator John McCain. It's no mystery that in the recent weeks the ever-popular and ever-liberal *New York Times* has decided to lead the charge against McCain.

In a recent article, *The Times* suggested that McCain may have had an affair with female lobbyist Vicki Iseman. Iseman is a telecommunications lobbyist who had been working closely with McCain at the time of him championing deregulation. According to CNN, McCain wrote two letters to the FCC that urged them to uphold agreements allowing a television company to control two stations in the same city. McCain also introduced a bill to create tax incentives for minority ownership of stations.

In both instances, it was Iseman's

clients whom McCain's actions ultimately benefited. Whether they were actions on behalf of himself that just so happened to help Iseman and her clients in the



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process or whether they were deliberately for Iseman, is an argument for another time. According to *The Times*, after seeing Iseman with McCain at fundraisers, his offices nationwide and accompanying him on private jets, top advisors of McCain began to intervene by blocking the woman's access. On the condition of anonymity several people from McCain's campaign said they had to warn her away and repeatedly confront the Senator.

Recently, campaign members of the Senator stated that no such remarks were ever said, and that there was never a cause for concern.

Not too long following the article by *The Times*, the backlash had begun, resulting in *The Times* making it clear that the story was not actually about an affair with a lobbyist. The story was merely about the possibility that eight years ago advisors to McCain told him about the possibility that it might appear he might be having an affair.

Now that's a lot for the average person to digest: the possibility of a possibility that it might appear that he might be having an affair. If the American people could trust such an honest institution to make fair and unbiased assertions for us, it would make life much easier. This is obviously not the case, nor is it the case that we can look to the print media to give us a balanced view on the world. *The Times*, before amending its article by the follow up, had already achieved its goal of making an attack on the Senator. As election day draws closer and closer, we should expect to see more of the same from *The Times*, as well as from the rest of the collectively liberal print media.

~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

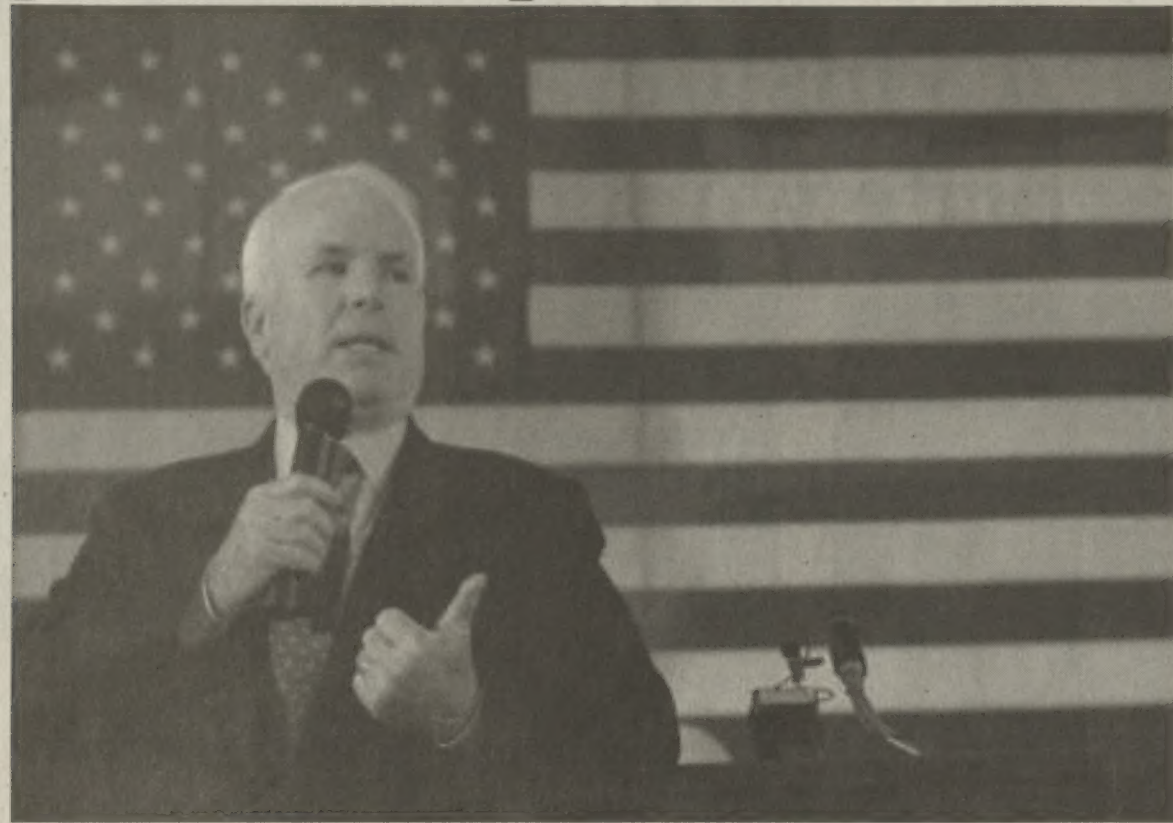
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Solution to last week's puzzle:

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Why conservatives should embrace presidential hopeful John McCain



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By Jeremy Riffle
Staff Writer

As the 2008 election season has progressed, it has become increasingly clear that the Republican nomination will go to Senator John McCain. While the near-certainty of who the nominee will be is typically a good thing, the impending nomination of McCain has proven controversial and has provoked the wrath of many conservative leaders in his party. These leaders, and those who will follow them, run the risk of not only damaging McCain's campaign, but also the Republican Party itself.

Among the many detractors of McCain in the conservative camp are Rush Limbaugh, Laura Ingraham and Ann Coulter, who averred that he would rather campaign for Senator Hillary Clinton than vote for McCain. Even James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family, who generally refrains from endorsing candidates in the primaries, stated that if McCain is the Republican nominee, "[he] cannot...vote...for McCain, as a matter of conscience."

The reasons why they dislike McCain are numerous: he cospon-

sored the McCain-Feingold Act, which regulates campaign donations; he was one of 14 senators who agreed to compromise on judicial nominees, avoiding a confrontation in the Senate; he worked with Senator Ted Kennedy on an immigration reform bill that was quashed because of conservative dissent. All of these reasons add up to one realization in the minds of McCain's detractors: he is not a "true" conservative.

Conservatives, despite their disdain for McCain, should accept him for the simple reason that, if things continue the way they have been going, he will be the party's nominee. There are, however, other reasons why conservatives should embrace McCain.

The first of these reasons is the fact that McCain is simply more electable than a hardcore conservative. According to a number of head-to-head polls taken throughout the primary season (collected at realclearpolitics.com), McCain is the Republican most capable of challenging either Democratic candidate. In addition, McCain is appealing to many independent voters, a quality that his competitors would have lacked in a general election.

Another reason why conservatives should not scorn McCain is that they will not like the result if they refuse to vote for McCain. McCain, while not as conservative as Limbaugh and company would like, is hardly as liberal as Senators Clinton or Obama. McCain needs conservatives to vote for him; if they do not, the victory will be virtually handed to the Democratic nominee. If that happens, then the Republicans will have to wait four years before their next chance at the White House, and there is always the possibility that whoever is in the White House will be reelected.

There is the chance that McCain will attempt to pacify the conservative ideologues by asking a conservative whose credentials are beyond reproach to run for vice president. Even if he does not, or this does not appease conservatives, they should not lightly throw away this election just because McCain does not completely satisfy them. The Republican Party will only remain relevant if the priority of the party is to win elections, then to promote an ideology. If conservative leaders refuse to do this, then the party, and the ideology with it, will be what suffers.

Banning smoking while driving

By Lauren Zarin
Staff Writer

I would like to preface the following argument by saying that the opinions expressed herein come from a smoker. Therefore, none of the following is infused with the bias of a person ignorant to the power of nicotine addiction.

Jan. 2008 brought the inevitable ban, dreaded by smokers nationwide, on cigarette smoking in bars and restaurants. The controversial injunction created a great deal of discontent from those who enjoy a cigarette with their cocktails. Many smokers posed the question, "What's next? No smoking in our homes or cars?" The question is often raised with an air of sarcasm, which is why the next step in smoking prohibition may come as a shock. The ban on smoking in cars is no longer a joke.

Many states have proposed a ban on smoking in cars carrying children. Some states, including California, Arkansas, Louisiana and parts of Maine, have already instituted the law. Many smokers are up in arms, claiming that "even if smoking around children is a bad idea, it isn't the government's job to stop people from doing it." Well, if it isn't the government's job to protect children from secondhand smoke, who else is going to protect them?

Children are unfortunate victims when exposed to such toxins and carcinogens and there is not much they can do to safeguard themselves. As smoking ban author Senator Jenny Oropeza said, "Prohibiting smoking in a car in public view is not an invasion of privacy. When we're talking about children's health—life and death—there is a role for government."

There is a difference between being a smoker and an irresponsible parent. Exposing a child to secondhand smoke, especially in such close confines as the inside of an automobile, is comparable to child abuse. The U.S. Surgeon General and the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have conducted studies that prove second-

hand smoke is extremely detrimental to one's health. It is especially so for children and infants because they have higher breathing rates than adults and their bodies are still developing. David Sutton, a spokesman for Philip Morris USA, said that the public should be "guided by the conclusions of public health officials regarding the health effects of secondhand smoke and particular care should be exercised where children are concerned."

The list of health problems that secondhand smoke can cause is unnerving when considering the fact that many parents don't think twice about allowing their children to be enveloped in the toxic clouds. According to the EPA, exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) decreases lung efficiency and impairs lung function of children. It can also increase the frequency and severity of childhood asthma, aggravate sinusitis, rhinitis, cystic fibrosis and chronic respiratory problems such as cough and postnasal drip, and increase the number of children's colds and sore throats. ETS exposure is positively correlated with the occurrence of bronchitis and pneumonia in children. It is responsible for 150,000 to 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections per year in children under 18 months of age. Exposure also increases the



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'Reality' thinness unrealistic

By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

"I can't believe how fat I look in this dress. I just want to look like the girls on TV." How many young women do you think have said or at least thought this before? I know I have. What makes our generation so concerned with body image and weight? Part of the answer lies in the reality TV shows that we are exposed to on a daily basis.

Shows like *America's Next Top Model* endorse being thin. The plus size model never makes it very far. Comments from the judges such as, "If she wants to make it in this industry, she's going to have to lose that fat and tone up," do not help either. I wonder if the judges realize how that translates to women who are not a size 2.

The Gantlet III, a popular MTV show, is a competition between two teams comprised of men and women. In last week's episode, one of the male competitors decided that they needed to "weed out the fat" on their team so they could win the grand prize. He obviously meant his team needed to get rid of

the women if they had any chance at winning. This is appalling.

I know that America is addicted to reality TV. But one must ask the question: Is this reality reality? Are most women 5'11 and a size 2? No. The abundance of reality TV shows we are being exposed to may be directly correlated to an increase in eating disorders.

Reality TV should be sending the message that even if you are a size 16, you are just as beautiful as women who are a size 2.

Many women as well as men suffer from a body image disorder, but are able to hide it. This is very frightening.

Thankfully, there are treatment programs for people who suffer from a body image disorder. After researching the Web, I found numerous Web sites that include ways to cope and how to ask for help.

On February 25-29, SU had a "Healthy Hearts Week." A discussion on eating disorders was held and led by the SU dietician who specializes in eating disorder treatment. A forum was also held to students' independence from the pressures and constraints of a weight-obsessed world. It is important to take part in these events because eating disorders are a serious problem that can only be fixed by continued education.

The next time you are buying a new pair of jeans, don't concentrate on your flaws. Concentrate on the things you like about yourself. Do not let the reality TV or any other type of media outlet change your opinion about yourself. "Reality" TV is hardly the reality.



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Americans losing faith, abandoning affiliations

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

The U.S. is the only developed nation where the majority of citizens said that religion was an important part of their lives, yet many are changing affiliations or dropping religion all together. "In God We Trust" is on our currency, "One Nation Under God" is in our pledge of allegiance and this country was founded with freedom of religious worship being a main staple of it, yet this sense of religiousness seems to have diminished lately.

According to a study by the Pew Forum of Religion and Public Life, nearly half of American adults have either switched or abandoned religious affiliations. While Christianity encompasses 78 percent of U.S. citizens, the Roman Catholic Church reported the greatest loss in members with about 10 percent of Americans being ex-Catholic. The U.S. is close to losing its status as a mostly Protestant nation, as their numbers currently reside at 51 percent and dropping. One in four adults ages 18-29 currently claims no religious affiliation. Hinduism had the highest rate of retention from childhood with 84 percent, while Jehovah's Witnesses only had 37 percent.

Personally, I can point to a number of reasons for the decline in numbers in this country. First and foremost, throughout the history of the world, religion has been used to justify countless atrocities from the Crusades to acts of genocide, which do not really aid the image that religions wish to convey. It's always been a popular and easy target for everyone from critics and detractors to comedians and musicians. Plenty of movies target religious indoctrination with ease and there are countless metal, rap, punk and rock acts that have religion as their main target. The overwhelming disapproval of President Bush and his "conserv-

ative" policies is definitely one of the main things that can be attributed to declining religious sentiments.

More recently, all religions have been seemingly trashed in a collective manner with technology's rise in popularity. Information is more prevalent, and a counter-culture has been established. It's something that's always taboo, which consistently delivers an appeal. As of late, more and more matters that work against the image of religion appear constantly, whether it be an attempt to teach creationism in a science class, attacks against homosexuals, the 10 Commandments in courthouses or even 9/11. Religions, by some, may be viewed as archaic institutions and a basis for the frowning upon of things generally considered "fun," which includes but is not limited to sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. I know when I was young, I didn't like going to a boring building for an hour, and most everyone else I knew felt the same way. Being told you're going to hell and having beliefs forced upon you just couldn't compete with watching TV, so when/if children are given the option, many choose to live without religion in their lives.

Organized religion may be taking a beating, but people will always worship and believe in their own ideals. While religious values may vary, more than three-quarters of



Derek Pettinelli photo

Americans express belief in God. For example, in response to the Kansas Board of Education's decision to require intelligent design taught as an alternative to evolution, Bobby Henderson felt that his Pastafarian belief in the theory of the Flying Spaghetti Monster deserved equal time in the classroom as intelligent design. I always found the creationism vs. evolution debates funny because those denouncing evolution were the ones who knew nothing about it. The Bible is fine, but for those individuals who pick and choose which parts of it to literally believe and then denounce others for not doing so, they are causing problems. In essence, it comes down to live and let live, which is something humanity will never be able to understand. Even if irrefutable proof that there is no God came out, religion would still exist and most likely continue to exist, which in the end just gives people one more thing to fight about.

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Comedian Jasper Redd receives mixed reactions

By Nick Lehwald
Staff Writer

On Thursday evening, SU was laughing out loud with comedian Jasper Redd. As the second comedian this semester, Redd was welcomed by a packed house. Making his debut appearance at SU, Redd was welcomed onstage by a standing-room-only crowd in the Holloway Hall auditorium.

Walking onstage in a giant hooded parka, wool hat and multiple layers, Redd looked ready for an arctic expedition rather than a comedy show. The only things missing from his winter weather gear were giant ski mittens and boots. Once he reached the microphone, though, the layers came off to reveal the tall, lanky man beneath.

After shedding a few layers, Redd got down to the business at hand, the jokes. Poking fun at all sorts of issues, from race, religion, sex, nutrition, marijuana and his dad, to the size of TVs, Redd did his best to keep the auditorium laughing, and even made himself laugh a few times. In the middle of his own jokes, stumbling through his jokes in a meandering and sometimes distracted way, Redd oftentimes looked like he was searching for his own punch lines, even looking at the audience for help. Either intimidated by the size of the crowd gathered, or simply jet lagged, Redd often appeared to have forgotten his own material, pausing for several excruciating seconds between jokes, like an actor waiting for someone to tell him his line.

"I thought it was good, he was very funny sometimes. Some of the racist stuff was funny, when he didn't go too far. The TV joke was funny," said Jen Miller, a sophomore.

Miller wasn't alone with her opinion. At the end of the show, however, many students were disappointed with the comedian for one reason or another. Many didn't like the jokes, or were unimpressed at his delivery, feeling like he wasn't prepared for the show and had to think about what he would say

next.

"I felt like he was searching for the next joke all the time. When he would get on a roll, he was hilarious. But whenever he stopped, or laughed in the middle of the joke, it wasn't very good," said junior Heather Snyder.

Hailing from California, Jasper Redd has been doing comedy for almost six years. Starting in San Francisco, then moving to Los Angeles, Redd is slowly fighting his way to the top.

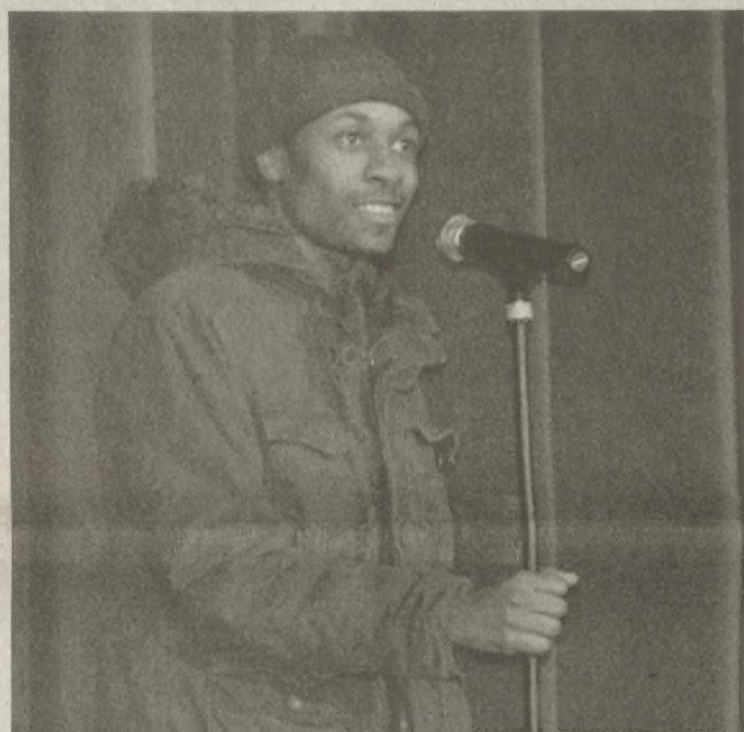
"LA is hard, it's the land of a billion comedians, and you have to really hustle to stay on stage. I love it though man, love do'n comedy," Redd said after the show.

A native of Knoxville Tennessee, Redd's dreams of being a cartoonist, musician, and a sheriff failed to materialize, so he moved to California in 2002. He started his career in comedy in San Francisco, where he rapidly gained notoriety. After moving to LA, however, things began to take off. He has appeared on many shows, such as *Comedy Central's Premium Blend*, *The Late Show with Conan O'Brien* and *Last Call with Carson Daly*, and has

also had several movies cameos, such as *National Lampoon's Totally Baked: A Pot-U-mentary*, *Frankenhood* and *Comedy: The Other Black Gold*. He is also, as he likes to brag, the "Yo Mama Joke Champion of 2005" of the comedy hotspot Club Deluxe in San Francisco.

Redd uses the comic styling of several of his heroes, such as Richard Pryor, Jerry Seinfeld, Steve Martin, Robert Hawkins, Steven Wright, Arj Baker, George Carlin and Paul Mooney. His signature brand of comedy is easy to relate to and has gained him a large fan base over the past few years.

Fame does have its price though, as Redd explained during his show. "It gets harder as you go, ya know, to keep being funny. It can be hard to come up with new material. And plus, once you become a full-time comedian, man, you don't live the normal life. You just don't experience the same things that drew you into comedy. You are now inside the comedy, living and breathing it," Redd said. "I gonna do it as long as I can, until the well runs dry."



Sarah Wright photo

Redd performed to a packed house on Thursday night in Holloway Hall. His performance, according to students, was a let-down.

The search for a spring 2008 Commencement speaker kicks off

By Emily Doss
Staff Writer

For the graduating seniors of spring 2008, the upcoming ceremony has been a long time coming. That's right, graduation is finally just a few short months away. With all the stress over future jobs and life after college, the commencement speech is

probably the last thing on anyone's mind.

However, the commencement speech is a big part of the ceremony; it's when the graduating class can reflect on the last four years, how much they've learned and all the fun that was had.

If you think you could deliver an exemplary commencement speech, you're in luck. Every semester SU

holds a 'commencement speech competition', and the deadline is March 26 at noon!

Any interested senior should complete the application packet they received in early February and make sure it is turned in on time. At that point, finalists will be chosen and those seniors will deliver the speech in front of a panel. The winner will be announced on April

14, and that individual will be the one to deliver their speech at the commencement ceremony in May.

Before you begin reminiscing over the past four years and preparing the speech to end all speeches, it is important to make sure you qualify to deliver the speech. Eligible students for commencement speakers must meet the following criteria:

The commencement speaker must be a University Honors graduate, and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 or higher. The speaker also must have completed at least 56 credit hours at SU by the end of spring 2008 semester. Of the 56 credit hours, at least 30 must have been completed in the 300-400 level courses and completed with a grade of A, B or C.

The final requirement is that the degree the student is receiving in May 2008 must be an undergraduate degree.

Now then, grab a pen and an inspirational quote book. It's time for any eligible senior to start on their journey of writing that powerful commencement speech. You only get one college graduation; make it all it can be.

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Try to spend some time with her away from her boyfriend and remember that your relationship with her is not her relationship with him. Be her friend and be there for her no matter how much you dislike this guy.

"I really dislike my friend's boyfriend. They've been dating for a little over a year and I still can't stand him. We fight all of the time and it makes things really uncomfortable and I know she hates being put in the middle. How can I learn to get along with him?"

First of all, think about why you two butt heads. Is it because he treats your friend badly or is it because they spend a lot of time together and you are jealous? You do not want to ruin a friendship over a guy, so I suggest getting over it unless he is abusive, which is different. If he makes your friend happy, you should look and see why. Is he funny? Does he do nice things for her? You should let her be happy and stop putting her in an awkward position or she is going to drop you as a friend and pick him. If you think he is difficult and controlling, try to remember that the relationship probably will not last that long anyways. If he is abusive and does not treat her well, you are in the right and are being a good friend. It might be a good idea to get another friend involved so that she does not think you are being biased because you already do not like this guy. If she sees it from another person's viewpoint it might click. You also have to remember that love is blind. She will be protective of him because she is embarrassed or she is scared of what he might do if she breaks up with him.

Explaining to them that you have been responsible all year without their supervision will definitely help. Try to hear them out and at least listen to their reasoning. If you show that you respect their opinions, hopefully they will do the same. If they are paying for your living arrangements, they will ultimately have the upper hand, but it is worth a shot. Explain to them that you value your privacy and a dorm living situation is a difficult place to find time alone. Maybe living in a house with monthly bills is overwhelming to them right now, so an apartment might be a step in the right direction. University Park offers a shuttle to and from campus. Apartments are fully furnished, which is a benefit. Tell them you will also save money on doing laundry by having your own washer and dryer. Let your parents get to know the people you want to live with by talking about them so that they are more comfortable with the idea. Give your parents time to ease into the idea and try to avoid putting pressure on them to make a decision. You still have two more years if next year does not end up working out for you!



Adrienne Price photo

WXSU holds another exciting Poetry Slamm

By Michel Elben

Staff Writer

Although it got off to a late start, 9:30 PM WXSU's Poetry, Spoken Word and Freestyle Slamm did not lack in entertainment or impact. From a man in a blue bathrobe performing poems about God to a woman who spit more fire with her words than any man there, the Slamm was a success.

"I'm glad all the poets came out. The students have soul and passion that needs to be heard," said Dwayne Ravello, promotions manager for WXSU.

Due to difficulties with the campus community's participation and cooperation, the event had to be re-organized. Ravello said flyers had been taken down and the sign-up list was removed from the bulletin board prior to the event.

Ravello opened the event with Langston Hughes' poem *By the River* and encouraged the audience to create a different vibe for the event with "finger snaps instead of claps."

Sherita Jones, a communication arts major, was the first brave soul to read her poetry. She began by telling the audience she was going to "just read it." She didn't. Jones impressively delivered a piece titled "What is Poetry?" She then stunned the audience with a very powerful poem called "Invasion" that depicted a woman's rape. The snapping didn't quite do her poem justice.

Adam Bryant, a junior philosophy and literature major, dominated the event, sharing poetry as well as freestyle. He addressed current issues and called for unity on campus and throughout our nation. His most memorable line was, "I'm gonna vote Barack too."

"I had a great time," said Patrick Morris, a junior majoring in business. WXSU plans to sponsor more events this spring including a Battle of the Bands, a Spring Concert and a coffeehouse on March 27, outside of Henson or, weather not permitting, in the Wicomico Room. "We're going to do it again," Ravello said.

People Making A Difference Kevin Dallaire

By Samantha Sullivan

Staff Writer

Many students will go through their college careers at Salisbury University involved in clubs or organizations, simply doing what they have to in order to graduate. Senior Kevin Dallaire has chosen to do the opposite and his involvement with the campus community has made a big difference.

Dallaire is an information systems major at SU and as a graduating senior, he is always busy. School work is not the only thing that fills his schedule. Dallaire is involved in the Student Government Association, SafeRide

Annapolis the next day to try and convince them that this would be a bad idea. Along with the all the other higher education schools in MD, we were successful in being able to convince them that fully funding higher education is important to this state's future," Dallaire said, regarding last semester's emergency SGA meeting and plan of action.

If it was not for his actions, students at SU may be paying more to go to school here or transferring because of expensive tuition. He has sacrificed a lot of free time and trips home on the weekends due to trips to Annapolis with less than a day's notice, in addition to spending weekends in



Tecelia Taylor photo

Kevin Dallaire (above) is involved in countless campus activities including the SGA, SafeRide, CRU and the USM Student Council.

and Campus Crusade for Christ.

In 2007, Dallaire was the SGA vice president of external affairs. He had always been interested in the SGA in high school and after attending a forum at SU, he realized he wanted to get involved.

As vice president of external affairs, he was a voice for students in many meetings when speaking to members of the community as well as elected officials. He expressed students' concerns regarding the University and kept SGA up-to-date with these concerns.

"While VP in SGA I found myself having to defend and promote the importance of the SafeRide program to the community and the administration," Dallaire said.

He has helped protect SafeRide for students because he wants the community to know it is effective and students do value their own safety. Dallaire helped bridge the gap between students and the community.

He is also an SU representative to the University System of Maryland Student Council. As a representative, Dallaire speaks on behalf of students to ensure the university system is aware of concerns or issues that may become concerns of the future. He went to Annapolis last semester to lobby for funding higher education to prevent a tuition increase.

"We decided to send two other students including myself up to

Baltimore once a month for meetings. Dallaire also makes a difference at SU by being a representative to the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council. He represents the students of all institutions of higher education in the state of Maryland and voices the opinions of students. This is important because he speaks for us so the students get the education and learning atmosphere that will be most beneficial to them.

"It's a great feeling knowing that what I do will affect future students in a positive way," Dallaire said.

Outside of being a voice for college students, Dallaire also works for SafeRide to ensure that students are safe and not drinking and driving on the weekends. He said it is a great way to give back to a program that you use.

Dallaire's Thursday nights involve Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU). On Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Caruthers auditorium, he and the other CRU members gather to share their faith with each other and they also reach out to others within the campus community.

"Honestly, they are great resume builders that have helped me develop a lot of important skills; everything from working with a team of very diverse people to learning to respectfully show disagreement with a professional," Dallaire said. "I couldn't imagine not being involved. It's who I am."

HEALTH COLUMN

SU holds Healthy Hearts Week

By Sarah Brinton

Staff Writer

This past week, Student Counseling Services (SCS) and Student Health Services (SHS) hosted a series of events and reminders called Healthy Hearts Week. Incorporated in this health awareness week was help for students with eating disorders. Although it is heart healthy month, an eating disorder should never be overlooked as a health issue.

A healthy body image, inside and out, was the reminder this week for people of all shapes and sizes. Monday kicked off the week with The Great Jeans Giveaway: Get Comfortable in Your Jeans.

"This is a way for people to liberate themselves by getting rid of the jeans that used to fit 10 years ago," said Kathleen Scott, Director of SCS.

The jeans will be donated to the Life Crisis Center, which is for women victimized by domestic violence. "So far we have received over 50 pairs of jeans from people," said Kathleen Scott. SCS is still accepting jeans for this cause, so drop them off to Guernsey University Center, room 263.

Other activities regarding eating disorders included screenings with a counselor or online, displays, a lecture and a movie. SCS' door is open for any students that may need help overcoming an eating disorder. For an anonymous online screening, visit <http://www.salisbury.edu/counseling/screening.html>.

Reminders throughout the week for a healthy heart and overall nutrition included "Inside Out." Tuesday, where students and faculty wore clothes inside-out a nutrition lecture and blood pressure screenings. The screenings were held outside the Commons on Friday. It took only a couple minutes to get the results. If the results were high, an appointment with SHS was recommended to have it thoroughly checked. However, a high reading does not necessarily mean a serious condition. Recent exercise, smoking or caffeine intake will alter the results.

Blood pressure screenings do not seem to be a concern for most college students. Patricia Travers from SHS, who performed the blood pressure screenings, feels this is a mistake. "In my opinion, high blood pressure and hypertension has risen in the last 10 years among college students," Travers said. Travers urges students and faculty who did not get their screening on Friday to schedule an appointment with SHS or their doctor to have blood pressure checked. Enjoy this heart healthy recipe. A happy tummy can also mean a happy heart!

Quesadillas
6 servings
Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Ingredients:
Nonstick cooking spray
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large sweet red pepper, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 1/2 cups frozen whole kernel corn, thawed
1 1/2 cups pinto beans, rinsed and drained
1 1/2 cups reduced fat mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup salsa
6 8-inch whole wheat or whole grain flour tortillas
2 ounce sliced, pitted ripe olives (optional)
1/2 cup light sour cream (optional)
Directions:
Preheat oven 450 degrees F. Coat a very large baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. In a large nonstick skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add sweet pepper, onion powder, and chili powder. Cook about 5 minutes or until pepper is tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in corn, beans, 1 cup of the cheese and salsa. Cook and stir until the mixture is heated through and cheese is melted. To assemble quesadillas, divide bean mixture among tortillas, spreading evenly over half of each tortilla. Fold over, pressing down gently. Place on prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle quesadillas with remaining 1/2 cup cheese and, if desired, olives. Bake about 10 minutes or until cheese is melted and tortillas are golden brown and crisp. Cut each quesadilla into quarters. If desired, top quesadillas with sour cream.

In recognition of Women's History Month, The Flyer would like to celebrate the life and achievements of

Josephine Baker: The first independent woman



Internet photo

By Kristin Hawkins

Staff Writer

Josephine Baker is an extremely important and prominent woman in our nation's history. Baker was born Freda Josephine McDonald on June 3, 1906, in St. Louis, Missouri. Her mother, Carrie McDonald, was a washerwoman and her father, Eddie Carson, was a vaudeville drummer that abandoned his family shortly after she was born.

Baker's mother remarried, but her new husband was consistently unemployed, causing the family to have many financial struggles. Due to these circumstances, Baker quit school at a very early age. She cleaned houses and baby-sat for wealthy families.

At the age of 13, she met and married Willie Wells while waitressing at The Old Chauffeur's Club. This was not the last time Baker married; she did so three more times. It was in 1921 that she married Willie Baker whose last name she kept, even throughout her next two marriages. She was an inde-

pendent woman and did not hesitate to leave a relationship because she could take care of herself without a man.

Baker's performance career started in 1919 when she began touring with The Jones Family and The Dixie Steppers. She was hired to act in various musical sketches. When the tour ended, she attempted to land a role in *Shuffle Along*, one of the most successful plays of the time, but was turned down. This did not deter the future starlet who took a job backstage and learned all the lines so when an actor had to drop out she would be the obvious stand-in. Her perseverance paid off. She not only got a role, but added a comedic touch that made people come to see the play just to watch her performance.

It was her performance in *Chocolate Dandies* in 1924 that catapulted Baker to stardom. The next year she was offered a role in *La Renee Negre* in Paris, France. She performed in nothing but a skirt of bananas. This outrageous spectacle of sexuality made her the highest

paid performer in Europe, quite an unusual feat for a woman in those times. It also made her the most photographed woman in the world.

She was influential to many well respected people. Ernest Hemingway said that Baker was "the most sensational woman anybody ever saw, or ever will."

During World War II, Baker worked with the Red Cross, gathering information for the French Revolution that she smuggled written in invisible ink on her sheet music. She also entertained the troops in both Africa and the Middle East.

After the war Baker bought a castle, called it the "World Castle" and adopted 12 children. She also had a variety of strange and exotic pets including a leopard and a monkey.

Things did not continue to go well for the star as she went bankrupt and was forced to sell the castle in 1969. She would have been homeless had it not been for Princess Grace of Monaco who gave her a villa and assisted her in an unprecedented comeback, the likes of which the world had never seen.

On April 8, 1975, at the age of 68 Baker performed routines from her 50-year career in Paris. This would be the last performance the diva would ever give. That night she had a stroke and passed away three days later.

Baker was the first American woman buried in France with military honors. Over the years she has not been forgotten. In 1991 *The Josephine Baker Story* was released, earning two Emmys and was nominated for a Golden Globe.

Baker described her place in the heart of the world without even knowing it when she said, "The things we truly love stay with us always, locked in our hearts as long as life remains."

Club Spotlight CRU

By Danny Ross

Staff Writer

If you have found yourself in Caruthers on Thursday nights at around 8:30, you may have noticed the large crowd that gathers at the entrance of the auditorium at the west side of the building. This is the meeting place for Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU), which lasts from about 8:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

On this particular Thursday night, the auditorium doors are flung open and everyone cheers. It's time for CRU. People begin to file in and find seats as the band warms up in front of the stage. "Four years ago CRU had about 30-40 students every Thursday, now there are consistently 200 students packing the seats of Caruthers every week. If I didn't already go to CRU I would want to just see what is so enticing that gets 200 students there every week," said Anna Proper, president of CRU. While the primary focus is worship, there are many activities that come along during the night.

As we take our seats, Cyril Matthews and Brad Deise, the evening's MCs, begin the announcements. These consist of upcoming events such as Relay for Life as well as other happenings taking place during the week. Newcomers are asked to raise their hands so they can receive a souvenir of candy inside of a CRU tumbler.

The focus of CRU is fellowship. It's a place where people can come together and relax while praising Jesus. Matthews and Deise use humor in their communication and have a charisma that seems to capture the crowd.

This particular night, one of the games is "finger jousting". After a few minutes, one female and one male are able to outlast the competition. The games, along with a "Mingle Question" are designed to create a social atmosphere, and they succeed. If you enter CRU as a stranger, you leave as a friend. Many of the CRU regulars eagerly introduce themselves to newcomers.

After announcements and games, the band breaks into worship songs,

and this is where CRU really starts to shine. Tonight, the band consists of three guitar players, two vocalists and a drummer. Their performance is solid, easily transitioning from one song to another and then softly strumming guitars accompany prayer.

CRU frequently has speakers from the outside community. These speakers often consist of Salisbury University Alumni or people from the Christian community. If a speaker isn't present, CRU regulars sometimes share inspirational stories.

Campus Crusade for Christ isn't just about Thursday nights though. On Tuesdays, they have "TNT." On these nights, CRU members

are new to Christianity or a life-long follower of Jesus, CRU seems to have something for everyone.

Everyone is invited to CRU and the diversity of the crowd is evidence of that. You aren't expected to speak or talk about what you believe. It is a completely laidback and inviting atmosphere.

After a CRU member has read some Bible passages, the band comes back up and begins to play some more songs. As the night winds down, and the band packs up, people can still be seen lingering around the auditorium. Many of the regulars hang around to pray while others break off into groups and head off to various activities.

Though the worship and prayer



Facebook photo

Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) meets every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the Caruthers auditorium. All are welcome.

gather and do something nice for students on campus. This could be handing out snacks to students studying for finals or "Reverse Trick or Treat" on Halloween which consists of knocking on doors and handing out candy instead of receiving it.

On Mondays there are Bible study groups and "GIG", which stands for Guys/Girls Investigating God. This group is for those who are still searching or investigating their faith and aren't quite ready for a Bible Study Group. It doesn't matter if

has come to an end for the week, the impression that CRU has left continues to last. If you have been thinking about checking out Campus Crusade for Christ or even if you have never thought about it, it's definitely worth checking out. The people you will meet are fantastic and they are just like you. They face the same challenges in life and are there to listen and help. Be warned, though: CRU is incredibly addictive and you may find yourself coming back week after week.

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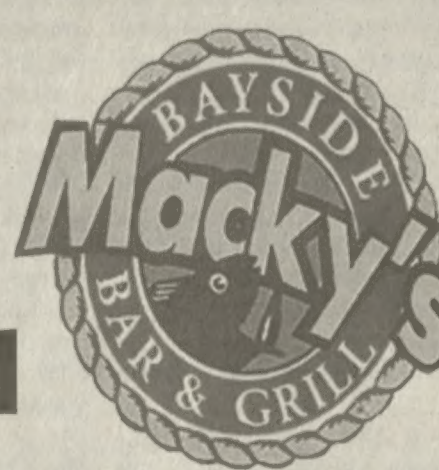
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Local environmental groups host film festival at SU

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

The Wicomico Environmental Trust, Friends of the Nanticoke and other environmental groups hosted the second installment of their film festival series last Thursday in Devilbiss Hall. The films that were scheduled for the festival included *The Air We Breathe* and *We Are All Smith Islanders*. The festival was attended by a diverse group of SU students and community members who shared an interest in environmental issues abroad and here locally on the shore.

The Air We Breathe traces the damaging connection between urban sprawl, our reliance on the car, air pollution and disturbing increases in asthma and respiratory diseases. According to the film, the hospital admission for asthma-related emergencies has doubled in the last 10 years. A disturbing fact, con-

sidering five percent of the population is afflicted with the breathing disorder. The connection between smog and asthma are hard to miss when the facts are taken into account. According to the film, grade school children in Los Angeles whose smog-filled skyline has become a trademark, suffer from 10 to 15 percent less lung function than school children in Houston, Texas.

What is smog exactly? Smog is a combination of the words smoke and fog and is generally attributed to Dr. Henry Antoine Des Voeux, in his 1905 paper, "Fog and Smoke." A hazard to human health, smog can be found in almost all American cities and it contains various harmful chemicals. The main chemical components of smog include ground-level ozone, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and other chemicals known to be toxic to humans. These chemicals can be



A diverse group of SU students and community members gathered in Devilbiss Hall on Thursday night to watch *The Air We Breathe*.

especially harmful for senior citizens, children and people with heart and lung conditions such as bronchitis, emphysema and, as the film points out, asthma.

...Weekly Greek News...

Alpha Phi Alpha comes to SU

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

With several fraternities and sororities on campus, Salisbury University's Greek life would greatly benefit in having a diverse organization join the community. Alpha Phi Alpha, the first fraternity founded by African-American men, is trying to join SU's community.

Alpha Phi Alpha was founded on Dec. 4, 1906, by seven men at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The seven founders are known as the "Jewels." They are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle and Verner Woodson Tandy.

Alpha Phi Alpha was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans. However, Alpha Phi Alpha has been interracial since 1945.

"The Fraternity initially served as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially, at Cornell. The Jewel founders and early leaders of the Fraternity succeeded in laying a firm foundation for Alpha Phi Alpha's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character and the uplifting of humanity," according to the national Web site of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Some famous members of Alpha Phi Alpha include Nobel Prize winner Martin Luther King Jr., Jamaican prime minister and Rhodes Scholar Norman Manley, U.S. vice president Hubert Humphrey, Olympian Jesse Owens, United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young and Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.

"It will be an excellent opportunity for members of the black

community at Salisbury to be able to join an organization such as Alpha Phi Alpha. Ever since I have attended Salisbury University there has been a lack of such an opportunity for black students, and now that I am a senior, I am happy to know that Salisbury is growing culturally," said Derrick Moten, a senior at SU. "I know that if it would have been here when I was a freshman, I would have joined. The history of Alpha Phi Alpha and the famous members of the organization are really appealing to me."

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, SU hosted an Alpha Awareness meeting in the Montgomery Room of the Commons. Local alumni met with all participants and discussed membership requirements, historical information and also led a question and answer period. More meetings are to be held in the future. If you are interested, contact Vaughn White, director of Multicultural Student Services.

Delta Sigma Theta is also trying to become a more prominent organization on campus, as they are trying to greatly expand their membership. Delta Sigma Theta was founded on SU's campus on April 16, 2002.

"Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on Jan. 13, 1913 by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University. These students wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need. The first public act performed by the Delta Founders involved their participation in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington D.C., March 1913. Delta Sigma Theta was incorporated in 1930," according to Delta Sigma Theta's national Web site.

Meetings will be held over the next few months for students who are interested in becoming members.

SU atheist community establishes possible RSO

By Kellie Madden
Staff Writer

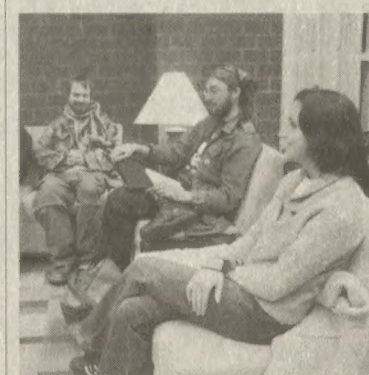
Immoral, heartless, bitter, unhappy and hopeless. These are some of the common misconceptions about atheists that are prevalent in today's society. However, after meeting with some of the Salisbury students who are working to create the Atheist Students of Salisbury club, or ASS, it is clear to see how these conceptions can be far from the truth.

"A lot of people think atheists are cruel and immoral people," said Virginia Gambrell, vice president of the club.

Treasurer of the atheist club on campus, Drake Beckner said one of the goals of the group is to dispel the many misconceptions there are about atheists.

Contrary to what some may believe, many of the members of this Atheist group are passionate and involved in many other clubs and organizations. Gambrell is the president of the Environmental Students Association, and both Gambrell and Beckner are involved in Students for a Democratic Society and United Greens, as well as other organizations.

Beckner said the club will serve as a place of discussion, allowing peo-



Adrienne Price photo
A.S.S. meets every Thursday night in Fireside Lounge.

ple to express their ideas. Beckner said the group also plans to have a book circle, movie screenings, and possibly a series of small debates. Members are also talking about going to visit a Unitarian Church.

Beckner said he believes students will show an interest in this group, and added he has already seen a response from the flyers around campus, Facebook messages and also word of mouth.

The group held a meeting last Thursday to fill the positions of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. The SGA will ultimately vote to decide if the group becomes an official club at SU. The group still needs an advisor; however, Beckner said they plan to talk to some of the faculty members in the philosophy department to possibly fill this position.

Although the club hasn't been officially approved, Beckner said he doesn't think there is any reason they will be denied. They have filled most of the requirements needed to create a new club and there isn't any other preexisting atheist club on campus.

Beckner said because they are a club they have to allow people of all religions to join. However, he said, even if this wasn't the case they would still encourage people of all beliefs to join the group. "You don't have to be atheist; we enjoy people with other views coming to talk. We won't discriminate," Beckner said.

Beckner added that many times the discussion branches off into other topics besides religion such as politics and other issues.

Gambrell said having people with different ideas and beliefs attend the meetings gives a chance for interesting discussion involving various points of view. "It's a very chill and relaxed group," Gambrell said. "Everyone's welcome."

As of now, the club meets on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, although the members are open to changing the time to accommodate for schedules.

If you would like to find out more about this club, or if you're interested in joining, contact Drake Beckner at db11336@students.salisbury.edu.

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Men's tennis leaps toward more victories

By Philip Speake
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's tennis team went 3-0 over the weekend with victories over New York University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore and St. Mary's College.

The first win came on leap day when the men defeated NYU 7-2. NYU came into the match ranked 14th in the northeast region, but the Sea Gulls, led by team captain Brendan Kincaid, proved too tough for the Violets.

"It was a good start with the win over NYU and we had to try to carry it into the weekend. They're usually pretty tough to beat," Kincaid said.

The Gulls swept the doubles portion of the match to give themselves a comfortable lead of 3-0 heading into the singles portion. Kincaid and sophomore Scott Burtzloff won the number one doubles match, 8-2. Junior Matt Nicholson and sophomore Evan Thomas won the number two doubles match, while sophomore Marcus Robinson and freshman David Lupinetti won the number three doubles, both with a score of 8-4.

Last Sunday the Sea Gulls hosted UMES in their first outdoor match of the season, and prompted to shut out the Hawks 9-0, with contributions from unlikely places. Four freshman scored singles victories in the contest. Lupinetti won 6-1, 6-3 in the number one match. Carrying on the success were the other three freshmen, Andrew Nottage 6-0, 6-0; Giorgio Athans 6-0, 6-0; and Matt Copeland 6-1, 6-0. "We let a couple younger guys play and they handled it well," said Kincaid.

Later in the day the Gulls faced off against St. Mary's College and continued the theme of the weekend by winning 8-1.

The depth being provided should be able to help the team throughout conference play, when the team expects their schedule to get much tougher. Salisbury will face six teams ranked in the top 25 nationally, including perennial powerhouse Mary Washington, which is currently ranked in the top five. With the solid young nucleus of freshmen to go along with their veterans, Salisbury is a much deeper team in the number five

and six slots in singles and should be helped in the third slot for doubles matches. "This is the most talented team we've had since I've been here," said Kincaid, the only senior on the men's team and lone captain.

As the weather gets warmer and the schedule gets tougher, the Sea Gulls will have to improve and build on each victory. Their goal is to reach nationals, and in order to do that they have to finish the season in the top 24 in the country. The Sea Gulls' next game is March 8 at 10 a.m. at home and they will look to continue their recent string of victories throughout the season.



Andrew Baker photo

Women's tennis struggles over weekend

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's tennis team got swept by New York University last Friday in a 9-0 loss and came up short against Washington, 5-4, on Saturday.

The women's team is now 1-2 after defeating Meredith College 5-4 earlier in the week and dropping two this weekend.

"We weren't ready and we got beaten by a team that was," sophomore Rachel Iosue said. "I wasn't playing my best and I don't think everybody else was either, but we're going to be better at Washington."

The Sea Gulls faced Washington College last Saturday and lost 5-4. Salisbury did not win any of the three doubles or six singles matches against New York University on Friday. NYU seniors Holly and Meggie Smith, no relation, won the No. 1 doubles matches as well as the No. 1 and No. 3 singles respectively.

Several other NYU Violets won both matches against the Sea Gulls. Senior Jackie Manning and junior Stephanie Tu took the No. 2 doubles with Manning winning the No. 4 and Tu taking the No. 2 singles.

Freshman Alexandra Havas won the No. 6 singles as well as the No. 3 doubles. No. 3 doubles came close, though, ending 9-7.

Junior Hannah Parsons was the only Sea Gull to win a set, done in No. 5 singles. Parsons won the

first set over Amanda Freedman, who came back to win both preceding sets 6-4 and 10-4.

"I'm pretty disappointed with my own showing," Iosue said. "I wish we could have done better, but we didn't so we'll have to learn from this loss and hopefully do better. I hope this doesn't happen again."

The Gulls' No. 1 doubles team of junior Anna Marie Kable and Iosue played well together while taking down Washington's team of Rebecca Davis and Mary Kelley. Sophomore Kelly Farther defeated Washington's No. 2 singles player Carrie Palmer in straight sets, 7-5 and 6-4. Iosue followed Fahrner's impressive performance by beating Washington's Kelley 6-2 and 6-1 in No. 1 singles.

The Sea Gulls return to the court this Saturday, March 8 at 2 p.m. where they will square off against Bridgewater at home in the Indoor Tennis Center.



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Tiger on fire

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

Everybody knows that Tiger Woods is good, but the number one golfer in the world seems to be on a mission to win every event he enters this season.

Woods claimed his fourth consecutive PGA Tour victory last week at the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship in Arizona, beating Stewart Cink 8-and-7 in a 36-hole match-play final. Woods sunk an unbelievable 14 birdies in 29 holes during the final round of play to cruise to victory.

The win gave Woods his sixty-third PGA Tour title, passing Hall of Famer Arnold Palmer on the all-time victories list with 63, leaving him one behind legend Ben Hogan and only 10 fewer than all-time leader, Jack Nicklaus. The match play victory was Woods' fifteenth win in 26 starts.

Woods' impressive start to the season has lead people to speculate if Tiger could win every event



Internet photo

he enters this year. Even the man himself recognizes the level he's playing at, saying after his last victory, "This is certainly the best stretch I think I've ever played."

What is truly scary about Woods is that he thinks he can be even better, saying, "You can always be better [and] I worked on my short game pretty hard this winter. I didn't like what I was feeling at the end of last year. Even though I was winning tournaments, my short game was not very good."

Tiger is already one of the best golfers to have ever lived, and in many accounts has already surpassed those atop golf's Mt. Rushmore. But if Woods manages to navigate an entire season undefeated, he would not only be recognized as the best golfer ever, but many would start to consider him the greatest athlete ever.

Woods will try to win again at the Arnold Palmer Invitational starting March 10.

Sea Gulls flying high...indoors

By Theran Dennis
Staff Writer

The Sea Gull men's and women's track teams competed successfully in last weekend's Mason-Dixon Conference Indoor Championship meet at the Freeman Center at Christopher Newport University, in Newport News, VA. Of the five schools in competition, the men finished second overall to Christopher Newport and the women finished fourth overall to Methodist.

Overall, the Sea Gulls earned 20 all-conference recognitions, and broke a few track records in the process. "Everyone did really well at the Mason-Dixon meet," said Kelly Sullivan, who succeeded her own school mark in the 5,000m run (18:53.03) with a time of 18:45.78. "I think we really did well against the other teams considering they've already ran four or five more indoor meets than we have," Sullivan added.

Sullivan, who's been dominant all season long, continues to be one of the anchors on the women's team staying atop her game, while meet after meet exceeding her own expectations and propelling her squad high into the rankings. "I usually try to train pretty consistently. I always work hard," Sullivan said. Junior Jenn Bulger, another anchor on the women's squad, earned an astounding four all-conference recognitions and placed in four events: the 400m dash (third), the high jump (second), the long jump (third), and as a member of the distance medley team, (second). Of the events she competed in, Bulger boasted great pride in her performance in the long jump. "I got the most pride out of the long jump because even though I didn't jump as far as I would have hoped, I was on the board," Bulger said. "I was working on the long jump for two weeks this season and during the finals of the Mason-Dixon, I was finally on the board and it felt great!" As for what she thought of the team's overall performance, "Our team succeeded what our coach expected of us. Our women's team is small, and a lot of us have to do multiple events at

each meet. It shows how good our team is, and that we can compete against teams with greater numbers," Bulger said.

Sophomore sprinter Justin Ackler led the way for the men. He not only improved on his old 55m dash (6.60 seconds) with a time of 6.45, but he also reached the NCAA provisional qualifying mark, seconds away from sprinting into national competition. "It was great to break my own record," Ackler said, "but I knew it was going to happen soon because I didn't run as fast the first time I broke it." He further proclaimed, "I hope to break it a couple more times before I graduate, but it's going to get harder and harder."

Senior distance runner Eric Graves broke two school records while placing first in the 5,000m run with a time of 15:38.64, and second in the mile with a time of 4:20.86. Junior Bobby Price also set a school record, clearing 1.96 meters in the high jump. As for the team's performance, "We have a really strong team," Ackler said. "For us to win 20 all-conference awards, I would have to recognize Coach Jones and Coach Good-Mallory for the great job they are doing in training us."

Coach Jones still looks towards higher plateaus. "We used this meet to prepare for the conference championships in March," Jones said. "We competed against some great competition, and we always compete to the best of our abilities every meet. I was very proud at how well both teams competed."

As for the 20 all-conference awards, Jones was pretty forward. "We were prepared and focused on what our goals were. Those all-conference awards show how well we did," Jones said.

The Gulls have been very successful since Jones has been at the head of the program and they continue to carry on that tradition. We could become a very good team," Jones said. "These student athletes understand what work ethic is. We could have quite a few individuals in national competition. I see us reaching that level in a few months."

ACIS to sponsor basketball

By Chris Brown
Staff Writer

Last week an announcement was made that the upcoming intramural basketball season will be sponsored by American Collegiate Intramural Sports. ACIS will be providing a variety of prizes that are available to all students. Prizes include a Timex watch, a Phillips Norelco electric shaver, and various Nike products. There are also grand prizes that include a 32-inch high-definition television with an accompanying Xbox 360 and a cruise to the Bahamas for two.

However, this is not the first year that ACIS will be sponsoring the intramural season. Wayne Gorrow, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation, contacted ACIS three years ago to inquire about sponsorship for the flag football season. Since then, ACIS has provided championship shirts for the winning teams and has donated \$250 to each of the leagues. Sponsors donate to ACIS and in turn sample products are made available to be distributed across campuses to students. Sample products include deodorant, body wash, shaving razors and candy. "The sponsors and the kids hook up,

and it helps the schools," Gorrow said.

According to the organization's Web site, ACIS offers a series of tournaments to give college students the chance to compete in nationally promoted intramural events. They have programs at over 200 schools across the United States.

ACIS offers regional and national tournaments for intramural basketball teams. This year the regionals will be held in Mississippi, Texas, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Ohio. "It would be neat if the regional were a little closer," Gorrow said. According to Gorrow, fundraising can be done to help earn a team a tournament trip.

The basketball tournament is not all that ACIS has to offer. In the fall, there are flag football tournaments and in the past there were 50 flag football teams. "The kids seem to be happy," Gorrow said. "But the one complaint we do get is that they want more games. Ideally we would have seven or eight, but then they'd be playing until May!" The schools involvement with ACIS has been positive so far with hopes of it continuing. "It's really been win-win. It has helped us, and it has helped the kids," Gorrow said.

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First Annual J-Man Awards



By Jeffrey Southworth
Sports Editor

Over a week removed from the Academy Awards and two-thirds through the NBA regular season, I have decided to hand out a few awards of my own. The first annual J-Man Awards are given to the players that best represent the NBA and have contributed the most to their respective teams all while making this the most entertaining NBA season in recent memory.

Best Supporting Performance – Perennial All-Star and MVP candidate Chris Bosh is the leader of the Toronto Raptors, but the play of point guard Jose Calderon is contributing to a Raptors team that has a tight hold onto the fifth spot in the east and that is seven games above 500. Calderon's 13 points and nine assists a game, filling in for injured guard T.J. Ford, is giving Bosh and the rest of the Raptors the solid point guard play they lacked.

Best Performance on a Sub 500 team – The best player on a sub 500 team over two-thirds of the season is Minnesota's Al Jefferson. Jefferson has turned into a double-double machine, averaging 21 points and 12 rebounds a game while recording 40 double-doubles, tied for second in the entire league.

Breakthrough Performance – Andrew Bynum has undoubtedly turned in the best breakthrough performance in the 2007-2008 season, even after being sidelined with a bad knee. Bynum has provided the surging Lakers with another legitimate offensive threat. Bynum's length and ability to rebound also solidifies the Lakers at the center position.

Best International Performance – Manu Ginobili has been shredding through defenses over the past two weeks all while helping the Spurs win seven in a row. The recent play of Ginobili along with the timely return of finals MVP Tony Parker are going to make the Spurs a very dangerous team come playoff time.

Best Director – Byron Scott takes home the first annual J-Man for best coach. He did it in New Jersey and he is doing it again in New Orleans. For the second time, Scott has taken a sub 500 team and has turned them into serious contenders. It is no coincidence; this guy knows what he's doing.

Best Performance in a Lead Role – Kobe Bryant. Kobe has always turned in the best performance but this year he has adapted and has taken on the leadership role as well. Kobe is not only scoring but is making it easier for his teammates to score. For the first time in his career Kobe is making the players around him significantly better, allowing him to go home with the first annual J-Man Award given to the best player in the league.

Now that the awards are handed out here are my predictions for the rest of the regular season:

NBA MVP – Kobe Bryant
Eastern Conference Champions – Detroit Pistons
Western Conference Champions – San Antonio Spurs
NBA Champions – San Antonio Spurs

SU disc golf goes a long way

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

Schumaker Pond, located directly behind the Ward Museum and only a short trip down College Avenue from the Salisbury University campus, is home to a disc golf course that bears the same name. The Schumaker Pond disc golf course recently hosted the second annual Ice Bowl to benefit the Maryland State food bank.

The event was characterized by organizer Chris Roberts, "as a great success and great fun." The Ice Bowl raised \$405 and collected nearly 150 pounds of food, all of which is to be donated to the food bank.

The tournament saw 51 people compete in categories ranging from intermediate to professional with divisions for children, men, and women. Roberts said there were about 20 Salisbury University students in attendance and overall there was nearly double the amount of participants from last year.

For those not familiar with disc golf, it is set up much like traditional golf with a few notable differences. First, instead of hitting a ball, participants throw discs aiming for baskets above ground in place of holes. Participants start from tee-boxes and try to get the disc in the basket in as few throws as possible. Schumaker Pond offers 18 "holes" of golf with both long and short tees scattered throughout the park.

Roberts, who has done almost everything revolving around the course from designing it, to building it, to playing on it is hoping to attract more SU students to come out and play. "It's something fun to do," Roberts said. "The course



Shawn Nisson photo

is close to campus."

"Wednesday nights are college nights," Roberts said. "From 4:30 p.m. to dark, we will have loaner discs and bags. And for those who are new to the sport we'll have free lessons as well."

Roberts has been happy with the amount of traffic he has seen on the course. "It's been great. Over 200 Salisbury students have played the course," Roberts said. "About 40 students play pretty regularly, probably once a week or so. We would like to get to the point where enough kids are coming out that we can start a handicapped league. Start keeping points for people who come out and have an end of the year tournament with prizes and all that good stuff."

If the interest is there, Roberts would like to start doing "Glow Golf" when the weather gets warmer. Glow Golf is like a miniature golf version of the game, played at night. Players

attach a glow stick to their disc and aim for baskets lit up with glow material.

Roberts has also been involved in bringing disc golf to local schools by donating portable disc catchers along with 30 discs to both Wicomico High School and Pinehurst Elementary as a part of the EDGE (Educational Disc Golf Experience) program. The program also provides an instruction manual for teachers who have never played the sport themselves. "Disc golf is a sport for all ages," Roberts said. "Anybody from 8 to 80 can play."

Roberts will also be teaching a "Learn with SU" program starting this spring. For \$10 participants will receive a disc, learn the basic rules, and get instructional lessons. The program, located at Schumaker Pond, will start on April 11 at 6 p.m., with additional sessions occurring at the same time on April 16 and 23.

Student Athlete Spotlight Christina Klamp

By Erin Hart
Staff Writer

could.

What is it like being the only senior on the basketball team?

Being the only senior on the team is really no big deal. I'll miss my teammates for sure though.

Do you have a favorite college memory or moment?

My favorite college memory...so many I can't put a finger on any particular one.

What's your favorite animal?

My favorite animal is any and all birds. I love birds.

What's your favorite movie/actor/actress?

My favorite actor is Leonardo DiCaprio. My favorite actress is Milla Jovovich and my favorite movie is *The Fifth Element*.

What is your favorite sport other than basketball?

My favorite sport other than basketball is lacrosse.

Do you like college of pro basketball better?

I like college basketball better.

What is your favorite food?

My favorite food is my mom's marinated deer meat.

What did you want to be when you were little?

When I was little I never really thought about what I wanted to be. I still don't know.

Did you always play basketball?

I played basketball when I was young and was able to. I played as much as I



Andrew Baker photo

Hickman, Berkman nominated for the Tewaaratron trophy

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

Senior attack man Matt Hickman and junior midfielder Kylor Berkman recently received one of the greatest honors for a college lacrosse player. Hickman and Berkman were put on the Tewaaratron Trophy watch list, a recognition equal to the Heisman Trophy.

The Tewaaratron Award Foundation was established in 2000 to recognize and honor the top male and female varsity lacrosse players in the United States. The award is given out to the best player across all three divisions of lacrosse. Hickman and Berkman are only two of four Division III players to be on the watch list, which is comprised of 52 players predominantly from Division I schools across the nation. The players on the watch list are considered as an early season indicator of who to watch in the 2008 season.

Berkman, who was a first team All-American last season, is tied for the team lead in points with eight. Hickman, a second team All-American last season, has five goals and one assist. *Face-off Yearbook* selected Hickman as the Division III preseason attack man of the year and Berkman as the preseason

midfielder of the year. Both Berkman and Hickman know what it takes to be one of the best players on one of the best teams. "They earned their way on there with great experience. I wouldn't want to play against them. I don't know of anyone who wants to win more than those two," Coach Jim Berkman said.

Hickman, who has been playing lacrosse since second grade, knows that being only one of four Division III players is a huge accomplishment. "It proves we can hang with some of the better players," said Hickman. Berkman, who has been playing lacrosse for as long as he remembers, has played with some Division I players and knows what it takes to be on such an honorable list. "We go down and play some of those guys, so just to see how good they are and have your name mentioned with some of those guys is a great experience," Berkman said. For both of these players, being named to the watch list is an accomplishment in itself, but winning the award would mean even more because no other Division III player has ever won.

The list will be voted on by coaches and narrowed down as the season progresses and will ultimately reach a final list of five players. The eighth annual award will be decided on May 29.

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Men's Basketball

The Salisbury University men's basketball team (7-20, CAC 4-12) defeated No. 1 seed York College 76-71 in their biggest win of the season. Greg Palmer led the Gulls with 23 points, 10 rebounds and three assists.

Brandon Abney added 14 points while both Jonas Vaitkus and Sean Whittaker added 10 points apiece. The win advanced the Gulls to the semi-finals of the CAC tournament against St. Mary's.

The Gulls came up short in the semi-finals falling to St. Mary's 95-89. SU went down early trailing by as much as 23 points in the first half. The Gulls pushed in the second half scoring a season-high 89 points. Wesley Sweet led the Gulls while scoring a career-high 26 points. SU graduates three seniors, Gary Ward, Jonas Vaitkus and Todd Ostrom.

Women's Basketball

The Salisbury University women's basketball team (12-15, CAC 8-8) advanced in the first round of the CAC playoffs by defeating St. Mary's in the quarter-finals, 79-78. Kylie Hall hit a shot

with five seconds left to lead the sixth-seed Gulls to victory. The Gulls went on an 11-2 run with under five minutes to go to take the lead 71-70. Monica Merkel scored a team-high 22 points while Janay Johnson added 10 points and Lindsay Martin scored 17 in the team's quarterfinal win.

SU went on to face Marymount in the semi-final round of the CAC tournament. The Gulls lost to Marymount 75-66. Merkel scored 16 points and Martin added 16 points and five assists in the Gulls' loss. The Gulls finished 12-15 and an 8-8 CAC record under first year head coach Charisse Mapp.

Men's Lacrosse

The SU men's lacrosse (4-0, CAC 1-0) team picked up two wins this week, setting the record for most consecutive regular season wins with 66 straight dating back to April 17, 2003. The Gulls defeated Wesley 21-4 on Wednesday afternoon. The win pushes SU's CAC winning streak to 91 games.

Matt Hickman had three goals and two assists in the win. Jake DeLillo also record three goals on

the day. Kylor Berkman added two goals and four assists. The Gulls dominated the ball, out-shooting Wesley 57-15 and winning 22 of 29 face-offs. Six Sea Gulls contributed at least two goals each to the win.

SU defeated Widener 19-3 on Saturday. Hickman scored two goals and recorded two assists while Berkman added three goals and one assist. The Gulls play next on Wednesday, March 5, at Sea Gull Stadium at 4 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

The No. 2 Sea Gulls (5-0, CAC 2-0) picked up two wins this week by defeating Va. Wesleyan and York. Against Va. Wesleyan, All-American Sue Ackermann scored five goals and recorded four assists while the Gulls defeated Va. Wesleyan 17-8. Beth Rhodey added four goals and one assist in the win.

SU defeated rival York 22-4 on Saturday. Jessica Chmielewski scored four goals and added one assist. Rhodey continued her hot play, scoring five goals on seven shots. The Gulls host Catholic at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 8.

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Tuesday-3/4	Wednesday-3/5	Thursday-3/6	Friday-3/7	Saturday-3/8	Sunday-3/9	Monday-3/10
	Softball @ Washington 2 p.m.		Softball vs. Cabrini 1 p.m.	Track & Field @ Virginia - 9 a.m. Men's Tennis vs. Dickinson -10 a.m. Track and Field Salisbury University Opener - 11 a.m. Baseball @ York - Noon Softball vs. Wilkes - 1 p.m. Women's LAX vs. Catholic - 1 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Bridgewater - 2 p.m. Softball vs. Moravian- 3 p.m.	Track & Field @ Division III Indoor Championships Baseball vs. Montclair Noon Men's LAX vs. Ohio Wesleyan 1 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Chowman 2 p.m. Women's Tennis @ Chowan 2 p.m.	
	Baseball vs. York 2:30 p.m.		Baseball vs. Montclair 2 p.m.			
	Men's LAX vs. Hood 4 p.m.		Softball vs. Allegheny 3 p.m.			